

ELLSWORTH ME HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES, 3-26-25

Meeting Commenced @18:00 hrs. Ellsworth City Hall (FD Training Room)

Present: Sara Devlin (DCM) Mark Remick (Chairman) Brian Moon, Christina Petros, Frank Pierson, Fred Ehrlenbach, James Bergin, John Noll, Jeff Gordon

Minutes: Read and Approved.

Harbormaster Report: HM Monthly Report, assisted by Sara Devlin, Amanda Ray, and Mike Harris, submitted 3/26/2025, listing Harbor work accomplished in March.

Harbor opening schedule and planned improvements dated 3-20-2025 included in HM Report. Additionally, Public Works to grade parking area, and Harbor floats to go in the week of April 1st, as per Report.

The suggestion brought to the table by the DCM, to combine Parks and Rec with the Harbor Commission was, once again, respectfully declined by a majority vote of the Commission members.

Dredge Update: Virtual meeting with the Army Corp concerning locations of spoils, and, in conjunction with the Coast Guard, altering the Federal channel to a straighter line, that would help control build of sediment in the channel and potentially reduce the City's share of costs for spoils disposal. This represents a further change by the Corp in the planning, cost, and management of the City's Dredge Project.

Financial: According to the DCM expect a 1% increase planned for the fiscal Budget this year. The City will do a 5 & 10 year general plan for Ellsworth that will include the Harbor/Park.

Harbor Vendor: The Harbor Commission negotiated a \$800.00 rental fee for the 2025 season *repeat* vendor, which was altered for "conformity" to \$600.00 by the City. As a consequence of this change the City will potentially forgo \$1200.00 in additional revenue.

Member Comments: Meeting finished early upon completion of business.

Next Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, 4-24-2025, Ellsworth City Hall, FD Training Rm.

Meeting Adjourned @ 18:45 hrs.

*Respectfully submitted,
James Bergin*