

ELLSWORTH ME HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES, 4-1-26

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

Present: Mark Remick (Chairman), Frank Pierson, James Bergin, Roddy Ehrlenbach (HM *pro temp*), Christina Petros, Fred Ehrlenbach, Marinna Smith (City Council), Danielle Gift (Planning & Development)

Minutes: Read and approved.

Harbormaster Report: Received and approved.

- Army Corp meeting on May 2 to access the overall condition of the Dredge moving forward.
- Some winter damage to the dock area is scheduled to be repaired.
- Farmers Market for this season is scheduled to begin around 6/27 on Saturdays until 1 PM. Due to space and parking limitations the Commission decided not to include a "Kid's" Farmers Market as well.
- Shellfish Conservation Program. The Commission agreed that Ellsworth would not participate in managing the program for issuing 10 commercial licenses and 30 residential, due to limitation of assorted shellfish.
- Float docks: Harbor putting in float docks two (2) weeks early to accommodate early commercial use.
- Launch ramp docks: 3 new dock replacements out to bid for this season.
- Harbormaster shack replacement cost estimated @ \$17,500.00.
- HM will meet to negotiate contracts for Elver fishing with representatives of the fishery as the season gets underway.

Planning and Development:

The Commission welcomed Danielle Gift (P & D) at the Meeting to discuss *Phase I*, whereby the City plans to evaluate and "clean up" City Ordinances, to clarify some and revise others, in conformity with Ellsworth's development.

Phase II will begin at the end of the summer and will involve water supply partitioning, proposing that the HM will have responsibility, and enforcement of Ordinances, for tidal as well as fresh water, referenced in Chapter 35. The Commission questioned this extensive change in terms of the logistical and practical details involved, which will be taken up at the next Meeting.

Dredge Report: See above.

Budget: Submitted.

City Council: Marinna Smith. There are no current updates on status of the Union River dam except that the City of Ellsworth doesn't have any appreciable say in the outcome.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2026 (4th Wed), Ellsworth City Hall, FD Training Rm.

Meeting Adjourned @ 19:15 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bergin