

ELLSWORTH ME HARBOR COMMISSION MINUTES, 6-25-25

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

Present: Sara Devlin (Admin), John Noll, Fred Ehrlenback Jeff Gordon, Christina Petros, Charlie Pearce (Admin, zoom), James Bergin, Frank Pierson, Todd Bailey (HM)

Minutes 5-28-25: Read and Approved.

Harbormaster HM Report: Memo 5/25 read and approved.

Gas and diesel fuel to be ordered by the end of month. Since season opening there is positive feedback on the condition of the Harbor and Park, and in particular, the courtesy of the Staff. / Bath house is scheduled to be repainted when the condition of the old siding is prepped. and remedied. / Cigarette litter in the Harbor Parking area goes on unabated. Appropriate signage suggested such as: "*No smoking or litter, Please*" located adjacent to the Harbor Parking area. / Complaint heard that kayaks using the launch ramp can avoid delaying boat launches by prepping equipment toward the side of the ramp.

Dredge Update: Army Corp completed a survey of the proposed revised channel section to four+ feet at mean low tide, altered to a more direct course. The Coast Guard will receive and review the survey, in due course, for revised placement of the channel's aids to navigation. The Commission will also review the channel survey thanks to the good offices of the Deputy City Manager. The dredge spoils disposal location option is nearing completion, with the City's "pit" as a potential location.

City Council: The date for the City's Priority Meeting was changed to July 14, (*Bastille Day*). The Meeting will cover priority projects in the City for the next year and a half. / Mark Remick (Chrmn), and James Bergin have been reappointed to the Commission for another term. Thank you.

City Manager: Charlie Pearce joined the Meeting via *Zoom* with positive information about the condition of the Harbor/Park this season; Thanks to Todd Bailey (HM) and the Harbor Staff in conjunction with the Public Works Dept. The other good information is anticipation of State and Federal funding in the vicinity of \$30 million, to potentially fund long range plans for the City and Harbor, and annual budgeting such as sewer system repair. Discussions and preliminary planning have begun in anticipation of replacing/repairing the Bridge Hill Bridge in the next three to four years. The tacit mention of the renewed appeal of the Harbor Walk was also put forth.

Next Meeting: Fourth Wednesday, 7-23-2025, Ellsworth City Hall, FD Training Rm.

Meeting Adjourned @ 19:00 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bergin