

Harbor Commission Meeting –April 10, 2023

In Attendance:

Wade Pedersen (WP) – Chairperson
Robert Aumack (RA) – Vice-Chairperson
Nancy Smalling (NS) – Secretary
Al Litwak (AL) – Commissioner
Chris Demarest (CD) – Council Liaison
Steven O'Dwyer (SO) - Keyport DPW
Gary Carr – Local Businessman (Fishing Flea Market)
Mike Lane - Resident

Meeting was conducted in person in Council Chambers. Brought to order: 7:02PM

NEW BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to accept minutes from March meeting: RA. Second AL. All in favor.
2. No BRIT Account Information available at this time.
3. Communications: NS confirmed via text that Dan Carroll of A Canoe to You is very interested in continuing to operate his kayak rental business out of the boathouse & has joined the KBBC. Unknown if he has contacted Kim Humphrey which would be the next step.
4. Steven O'Dwyer – Keyport DPW:
Reports that repairs to the kayak lockers have been made with all the doors being replaced with PVC. Hardware all replaced. Trim above the doors will be completed in the next month.
Contacted Monmouth County re: dredging. On hold until after June 1st due to Winter Flounder Spawning Season moratorium. Need to locate spoils testing report from last ramp cleaning.
Ramp floating docks – Hardware was replaced, fire hose rub rails attached & docks/ramp installed.
5. Fishing Flea Market – Gary Carr – The frozen bait vending machines that Gary had proposed installing next to boathouse are built to order & currently have a 2 month lead time which would bring it too late into the fishing season to make it financially viable. Fresh bait machines may still be an option. Gary is still interested in renting the boathouse as a tackle store either alone or sharing the space with the kayak rental business. Needs a multi-yr commitment from Keyport to justify expenditure for bait machine (fresh or frozen). GetKidsFishing is a non-profit that Gary is involved in. Next step: GC to provide a proposal to KH for consideration.
6. Snapper Contest – Has been approved by the Council for 9/16.
7. By-Laws: CD indicates that they did not come before KBC.
8. Hot Dog Lease: Recommendation was made by KHC to publish concession opportunity for the period of Mid-May till end October on Borough Website ASAP with a simplified RFP. Need to follow-up with KH on status.
9. Pump-out Boat: KYC Cmdr Rupinski reports that they are taking possession of an old pump-out boat currently located in SI for use only as a work boat. Baykeeper has committed to run boat every other weekend during the season. F/U with KH on options for Monmouth County support.
10. Signage: RA has spoken to Chief Torres re: Ordinances to back up signs. We will continue to examine the corresponding Ordinances & make recommendations at future meetings.
11. Port-a-potties – Will be installed shortly. Long term plan to eliminate them & install restrooms.

12. Kiosk Displays – Possible to turn the 2-sided one on the pier around. SO reports that there is second 3-sided kiosk at DPW and although it has been stored outside, it should be in better shape than the one at the Waterfront. If possible, swap them out.
13. Railing along waterfront: Originally powder coated. Now in need of restoration. POR-15 was suggested by Gary Carr. Needs further investigation.
14. Camera – Gary Carr asked about his proposal to put a camera on the boathouse. The KHC had voted unanimously in support at last meeting. Advised to F/U with KH.
15. Kean University Study Group: Plan to investigate impact of Union Beach flood project impacts the Keyport Waterfront. Transects done with Princeton U & Matrix New World were all upland of the bulkheads. They want to measure the transects on the water side of the bulkheads. ML suggested that they can reference the sand level relative to the whalers on the bulkhead with reference points on the bulkhead. They have a tool that will allow them to wade into the water & measure the grade of the beach. ML is going to work with them & the owners of the waterfront properties. Kevin Graham is being copied on the work.
16. Aeromarine Property – We have not received any update on lawsuit against Aeromarine for leaching heavy metals from their landfill into Raritan Bay.
17. Float for town pier – SO reports that they need to contact SeaTow to tow it to its location. We suggested KFA or KYC. NS offered to ask KYC when they are ready. Gary Carr also offered to help.

New Business

1. ML - Flood damage prevention ordinance – any new construction in a special flood hazard zone must have a Flood Plain Development Permit issued by the Flood Plain Administrator.

Adjournment 7:57PM