

Northport Village Council
Waterfront Committee Meeting
October 15, 2019

Members present: Hugh Cook, Will Harper, Tom Gremel

Staff present: Joni Scott, Cindy Edmondson, Susan Holtz, Chris Holton, Kent Holton

Public comment: None

Discussion Items:

1. Approve Marina Rate Schedule for 2020 season. This needs to be done first before applying for a DNR grant to help pay for electrical upgrades for the marina. It was decided to go to rate category 3; other area marinas are already at rate 3. Transient rates should go to rate category E. Should village residents get a discount?
2. Joni commented that the State will give us a 50/50 grant so other funding sources are needed. She has talked with Steve Mann and Paul Peterson exploring the possibility for a bond. (10 year bond-easy and quick to get; 15-20 year bond more complicated to get but if more money is needed for plumbing, finger pier replacement, etc. the 15-20 year bond is more flexible)
3. Discussed ways to elevate docks to get them above the water and keep them there allowing for future fluctuating water elevations. Chris suggested removing surface planks from B, C and D docks and welding extension supports to the existing framework as the most cost effective way to permanently raise the docks. The finger docks can be raised or lowered independently as needed. Floating docks, although desirable, would be very cost prohibitive. The dock house needs to be elevated also. Once raised, the electrical, water, sewer, plumbing would all run under the raised docks and hopefully out of the water for good. There is currently a normal 5" fluctuation in water level daily, and an additional 5-8" is predicted for next year. The most important dock to do first is C dock. There is a consensus to get the dock house and C dock raised as a priority. Joni raised the question of paying for C dock on our own and seeking funding for the rest but Chris pointed out that that would require yet another engineering study. Hugh raised the question of potential ice damage to the docks this winter leading to warping thus more complications. Chris offered to get an estimate for raising C dock and the boat

house from Al McDonald from Elmer's (they have worked together for years). Most likely the 45th Parallel Marine Company would do the actual work.

4. Discussed a cleaning proposal for end of season cleaning. Susan says it is over and above her normal cleaning through the boating season. \$40/hr for approximately 25 hours. There are some repairs that need to be done...Chris said he could do the repairs. This proposal will be brought to the attention of the Council for final decision.

Public comment: None

Meeting adjourned