

VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT  
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING via ZOOM  
October 27, 2020 1 PM

Members present: Cook, Harper, Gremel

Staff present: Holtz, Edmondson, Scott, Holton

Public present: Steve Wetherbee

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

END OF SEASON STATUS: There was a problem during the last winter of people using the new waste containers even though they were stored in such a way to prevent that from happening. The DPW has removed the waste containers from the marina area so that should not be a problem this winter. The harbormaster reports that all of the "big" end of season projects are finished except the boaters boat boxes which will need to be removed from "C" dock prior to the new construction project start. Marcus and Chase are still helping to close the marina for the winter.

GRANT STATUS: We still have not received the go ahead from Lansing. Paul Peterson wanted to know if we got a bid from Oscar Larson for handling the fuel during construction. Oscar Larson has been our supplier for at least 30 years. According to our policy, a competitive bid is not needed for the work Oscar Larson will be doing. Since Oscar Larson has installed all of our fuel equipment, and therefore is totally familiar with how our system is set up, it is logical to have Oscar Larson be the firm that modifies our system for the newly remodeled "C" dock. Pat Machin, the project engineer, has offered to put together an explanation for choosing Oscar Larson for this task (that will include running new fuel lines and moving the current vault). Pat Machin will be publishing the notice of the marina project in 3 places, and it will also be published in the newspaper. Local contractors will be notified also. Bids for the work to be done will hopefully be opened by November 18<sup>th</sup> and be reviewed by the engineers who will then put together recommendations to be presented at the December Council meeting.

HASEROT BATHROOM: It was decided to keep the Haserot bathrooms open for the winter, primarily for the convenience of the construction workers. The locking timers would be set so the bathrooms will be available from 7 AM to 5 PM. Will Harper suggested putting a "Construction Crew Only" sign on the door and only operating one of the 2 bathrooms at a time to ease cleaning costs.

DOCK BOXES: Discussed where to store the "C" dock boater's boxes and several options were suggested.

MARINA CONDITION: The Harbormaster commented that the overall condition of the grounds and building of the marina is at a point that everything needs a sprucing up. The committee members agree. All the buildings need to be painted on the outside. The metal posts in the marina are looking rusted and need paint. Many boaters complained that their posts are bent or loose...some of them need welding. Signage needs updating. The GEM will be stored in the DPW building for the winter. Mr. Wetherbee said he would look at it there and try to determine what is draining the batteries sooner than they should be.

HARBORMASTER: Susan Holtz has tendered her resignation to be effective at the end of December. The committee will need to begin the process of her replacement soon. A special meeting will be called.

SEASONAL BOATER NOTICES: We have email addresses for the seasonal boaters and may use them this year to get information to them for next season. Included in that information may be a boater's survey and a description of the work planned for the marina update. Marina Ware has usually been responsible for sending the annual notices and we can use them this year also.

COMMERCIAL SLIP REQUEST: It has been suggested that in the past there were 2 commercial slips available in the marina. Those have not been used in recent times. An area resident has requested and been approved for a commercial slip for his AirBnB boat. Mr. Harper has put in a request for a second commercial slip to be made available to him for his commercial boat renting business. After discussion, the committee will recommend to the Council that a second commercial slip be made available to be assigned by the Harbormaster at a rate to be determined.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook that a request for approval of a commercial slip for Mr. Harper be sent to the Council for approval and was seconded by Gremel. Roll call vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Cook moved for adjournment and second by Mr. Harper. Roll call vote was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM