

**VILLAGE of NORTHPORT**  
**WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING via ZOOM**  
**April 20, 2021 at 1 PM**

**ROLL CALL:** Cook, Harper Gremel

**STAFF PRESENT:** Holton, Edmonson, Rosemurgy

**Public present:** Jerry Spears

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Discussion about appropriate charges for the 2 commercial slips in the marina for the upcoming season. The fee for Mr. Spears AirB&B for the 2021 boating season will be \$10,000.00. He will be placed on “the Wall” in the SE corner. There will be 2 parking places set aside for his clients use as **well as a third parking place provided for his golf cart. Charges for pump outs** for his vessel will be double the regular rate, but this rate is still to be determined according to the formula used by the Village Clerk. The second commercial slip is 102 and is assigned to Will Harper for his boat rental business. The fee for slip 102 is \$6200.00+. Mr. Harper will be allowed to raft a second pontoon on occasion to his sailboat moored in slip 101. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve a contract as written for Mr. Spears and tentatively approve a contract for Mr. Harper until a final contract is written. The motion was supported by Dr. Gremel .

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes (2) Nays (0) Abstain (1 Mr. Harper)**

2. **C DOCK Update:** The cleats are being reinstalled by 45<sup>th</sup> Parallel. They are waiting for permit approval from the County Building Inspector for the 36” steps leading down from C dock onto the finger piers. Advantage has installed all the bases for the pedestals and has the new pedestals in their

shop in Traverse City. The pump out unit will be placed again near where it has been. Chris Schafer from ElevateNet will be here to bury an internet line and possibly repair some of the lines to the cameras that may have been damaged when the excavation for the new fuel lines occurred. The site for a new storage building behind the boater's building has been prepped and ready for the building to be delivered around May 4<sup>th</sup>. The boat ramp needs to be adjusted as one side (south) has crept down further into the water over the years. The steps for the floating shopper's dock will be re-installed soon. Oscar Larson is finishing up the electrical for the fuel pumps. The dock house has a new floor replacing the one damaged by high water.

3. Mr. Ben Holland has requested that his damaged dock box be replaced. The old box was damaged by a transient boat during a storm. This was thoroughly investigated and the recommendation is that the Marina replace the damaged box with a new one. The old box will be repaired for use by the DPW/Marina as needed.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook and supported by Dr. Gremel that the dock box be replaced according to our original promise to do so as long as the cost doesn't exceed \$680.00.

**ROLL CALL Vote: Yeas (3) Nays (0) Motion passed.**

4. **Wait List questions:** There have been some requests from some people wanting to move from one list to another but want to maintain their place on the new list when they move. The consensus is that that is unfair to those boaters already on the list to be bumped down to accommodate a boater coming in from another list. This kind of a change has never been done in the past. We are trying hard to clean up the wait list situation. It was agreed that this kind of change will not happen.

251 letters were mailed to seasonal boaters on March 26, 2021 and to date there has been a 25% return. About 10% were returned as undeliverable. A follow-up phone call will be made to those returned for a bad address.

5. **CAMIS issues:** Mr. Rosemurgy discovered a major problem affecting the majority of the 2021 reservations. The Camis system was set up to charge the "A" rate (lowest rate) for the entire boating season when they should be charging the "E" rate (higher rate) from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The

harbormaster contacted Camis and they will fix the problem and will collect the extra monies due for the correct rate.

6. The **boat ramp fee** is not being paid by some users. It was suggested to put a camera (wireless) on the post. An annual ramp pass should be continued to be offered at \$50/season.
7. The **marina parking lot** should be patched and sealed by May 15<sup>th</sup> by Ace Sealant.
8. **Spider spraying** will return this year (there was no spraying done last season creating a huge spider problem). Shuler's Pest Control will do the spraying for less than half the price of the last company and includes spraying the dock house with a compound certified for use over water. One application lasts 4 months.
9. Some boaters who moor outside the marina are asking for bathroom privileges. In the past it was not allowed, but some of the boaters know someone who is seasonal in the marina and who lets the outside boater use the bathroom under their pass as their guest. Time to think about an "**Amenities Pass**" similar to a pump out charge...like \$20/boat as suggested by Mr. Harper. Discussion item for the next meeting.
10. The harbormaster asked if the **ADA dock** was ever used by handicapped folks and the answer is very rarely. It's mostly used as the last available transient dock and also used by emergency personnel as needed for their calls. It has also been used as a shopper's dock and for loading passengers when the ramp is busy.
11. There is some mismatching of boat lengths and slip lengths. Moving boats to more appropriately sized slips would undoubtedly cause a hue and cry from those who are happy being berthed next to family/friends. Perhaps the best thing to do is approach the boaters in question this year and ask if they would be opposed to moving especially if it would save them money. Those boaters who stick out from their slip need to pay more by the foot (\$94/ft) or another slip size as determined by the policy established last year. According to Mr. Rosemurgy we are shorting ourselves by \$2440 for not charging for those extra feet (based on boats that are too long for the slip they are occupying). We need to inform the boaters by letter that they will be charged in these situations, many of whom have been getting away with this for years.

12. The harbormaster and one dock hand, Dan Brown, will be taking the class offered to train dock hands. The information learned will be passed on to the rest of the new dock hands. The summer crew number will be large due to many who want only part-time hours.
13. Mr. Harper suggests changing all the yellow lights on the break wall to LED which will save money. The current compact fluorescent lights are encrusted in spiders and need help. Mr. Rosemurgy will add this to his list to explore.
14. The bumpers on the East Wall need replacing as well as some of the posts throughout the marina. Many of the posts are original. Post replacement will be costly due to current lumber costs. The plan is to replace posts as need and as the budget will allow.

A motion was made by Mr. Harper and supported by Dr. Gremel to adjourn at 2:11 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas (2) Nays (0) Mr. Cook had to leave the meeting early for fire house business.