



APPROVED

KITTERY PORT AUTHORITY

April 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers, Town Hall

Members Present: Bob Melanson, Barry Bush, Vice Chairman, Ray Grenier, Kelly Philbrook, Tom Smith, Steve Lawrence

Members Absent: Dan Arbo

Staff: Harbormaster Mike Blake

The meeting of April 17, 2014 was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Purchase of Sea Pro 235WA boat, motor and trailer using KPA CIP funds, to replace 'Eastern' Harbormaster boat. Total cost is \$22,500. Continuation of discussions held at the April 3, 2014 KPA meeting.

Mr. Melanson noted his support of the purchase and referenced a supportive letter (attached) from Capt. (Ret) James McPherson former Chief of Staff of the 1st Coast Guard district, and currently the Regional Director of FEMA.

He read the Mission Statement:

The Kittery Port Authority and Kittery harbormaster mission is to provide marine law enforcement, rescue and education services to boaters within the tidal waters of Kittery Maine. We are dedicated to delivering these services to the boating community with courtesy and professionalism. Our goal is to foster a safe boating environment by maintaining a high state of readiness and cultivating partnerships with fisherman, recreational boat owners, marina owners, and other marine law enforcement agencies on the Piscataqua River in order to make Kittery the safest boating waters in all of Maine.

He summarized the current Harbormaster boat (Eastern) is into its sixth year of service and is unseaworthy in a head sea.

Mr. Smith: Explained the Compression Report of April 8, 2014 found that all cylinders (1-6) came in at 185 PSI. He checked with Port Harbor Marine (Yamaha dealer), and Great Bay mechanics and checked the Internet, and was told and found there is no typical PSI on an engine, but if all cylinders are within 10%, the engine is considered good.

Harbormaster Blake: The expense to outfit the Sea Pro for Harbormaster use would cost an additional \$3,009.

Kelly Philbrook: The Sea Pro is 13 years old, and the proposal is to spend \$25,500 for a boat to provide what the Eastern currently provides; email from Jim McPherson did not address the Eastern; Kittery is not providing services to Eliot and the Coast Guard is across the creek; it is alot of money and does not support purchase

There was no further discussion.

Mr. Smith moved to request the Town Council disperse an amount not to exceed \$26,000 from allocated CIP funds to buy and outfit to U.S. Coast Guard and Harbormaster specifications, the used Sea Pro 235WA boat with a 2003 225 HP Yamaha outboard engine that the Harbormaster has sea trialed, surveyed and engine compression checked to replace the old Eastern boat, and put the Eastern up for sale as soon as replacement is ready.

Mr. Bush seconded

There was no discussion

Motion carries 4 in favor; 2 against (Philbrook/Lawrence)

3. Other business:

Harbormaster Performance Review form was provided to members. The review will be held in Executive Session at the May 1, 2014 KPA meeting.

Mr. Melanson noted the draft Shore and Harbor Plan will be presented to the Planning Board by Wright-Pierce at the April 24, 2014 meeting. A copy of the draft will be left with the Harbormaster for viewing.

Ms. Philbrook moved to adjourn

Mr. Bush seconded

Motion carried unanimously

The Special Meeting of the Kittery Port Authority held April 17, 2014 adjourned at 7:28 p.m.
Submitted by Jan Fisk, April 20, 2014

ATTACHMENT

Bob Melanson

From: Jim McPherson <james.b.mcpherson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:35 PM
To: Bob Melanson
Cc: Jim McPherson
Subject: Small Boat

Bob,

Greetings to you and the team at the Kittery Port Authority. After 30 years in the Coast Guard, I can tell that I have been around many small boats. Now that I am retired, I can only offer my personal opinion but overall I have been pleased with the observed performance of the Sea Pro small boats. The seaworthiness of the vessels I have observed in New England has been adequate under the harsh weather conditions. I have no personal interest or stake in any particular vessel but I personally believe these vessels to be good performers. (I have been fortunate to spend many hours on Coast Guard small boats and the reason they are so expensive to purchase, maintain and operate is that the federal government has committed numerous tests, performance evals and training. Unfortunately, these vessels are just not available for the local communities.) I hope that the Harbor Master is able to receive the proper equipment, training and resources to carry out his duties in the most economical, safe and professional manner. Getting the right boat is the first step.

regards,
Jim