

**FALMOUTH HARBOR/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 19, 2016 8:00 AM**  
**FALMOUTH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Roll Call:**

Present: Richard Craven, William Oliver, Richard Garrett, Peter Thornton, Nathan Poore, Kim Maxfield-Fearon, Edward Tolan, Emmanuel Kourinos, Claudia King

Public – Brent Sullivan

**I Chairperson Comments**

The Harbor Committee tries to follow Roberts Rules of Order within reason, but will deviate occasionally. If the public were here they would be given their 5 minutes and that would be that. Is pleased to see Chief Tolan and Town Manager Nathan Poore are present today, however the harbormaster Al Twombly was unable to attend due to his wife's doctor's appointment.

**II Review and Approve Minutes of the October 15, 2015 Meeting**

William Oliver made a motion to approve the minutes, Richard Craven seconded it. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**III Public Comment**

None

**IV Harbormaster's Report**

Chief Tolan gave Harbormaster's report:

Floats are all in. They have been painting the shed where the port-a-potties and also the front side of the office. That was last weekend.

The harbormaster, Alan Twombly and assistant harbormaster Ken Walberg will be going to Seattle (actually Bremmerton, WA) to check over the boat and get it out in the water. Once they've approved everything, the Chief will sign off on it.

Chief Tolan wanted to mention that the town was able to get this boat thanks to Lt. Kilbride getting a Homeland Security Grant. This was the second time that the town applied. Were turned down the 1<sup>st</sup> time. This was the only public safety grant approved by the committee, and the vote was unanimous. It is considered a first responder craft. Falmouth is currently the only sworn

law enforcement in the harbor. Maine Marine patrol has lost a lot of their members due to low pay.

The new boat should last 20 years. It is built by a company called Safeboats. It is state of the art equipment.

Chief is pleased to have the support of the Coast Guard and is looking forward to a great relationship with them. Chief has been in touch with local departments and made them aware that Falmouth is available for assistance when needed.

The boat should be delivered between 6/10 – 14/16.

The Falmouth Police Department and finance director have also recently met with a new on-line mooring company and we may go with the new company. They will be sending a proposal. It should not change the cost to the mooring holders (if anything it will go down). If the town manager is in agreement, he will sign it.

Richard Garrett asked about the new boat and heard that the net cost to the town is only about \$50,000.

Chief Tolan said that was correct. The old boat sold for \$52,000. Yarmouth Boat Yard brokered the sale for us. It was time to get rid of it as it was starting to have problems.

Richard Garrett feels that there will be questions from the citizens as to why we're spending this kind of money on this asset. His response is 'what's the cost of a human life?'

The only reason we were able to get this type of boat was the grant. Had we not received the grant, we would not have been able to. Nathan Poore asked the chief how much was in the capitol budget for a new boat, Chief Tolan said about \$270,000. Most of that money has now been redirected to other capital projects that had been previously unfunded and also put into savings. Chief Tolan wanted to remind everyone if they saw Lt. Kilbride to congratulate him on getting the grant.

Richard Craven asked what the hull was made of. Chief Tolan said it is made of aluminum with hard plastic 'bumpers'. It is a very solid piece of equipment.

Nathan Poore asked if Chief Tolan had a photo of the boat. He said he'd go get one.

William Oliver asked how long we had the current boat. Chief Tolan said that we'd had it for 8 years, but it was 12 – 13 years old when we got it. We got it for free. Nathan Poore pointed out that the State of Maine required a \$5,000.00 processing fee for allowing us to have a "free" boat.

Claudia King asked if the public would be seeing the boat and Chief Tolan said that once it was in the water and staff is trained to use it, it will be advertised and people would be encouraged to come to the landing to see it.

Nathan Poore talked about water testing at the town landing. He explained that the water is going to be tested twice a week and the water quality will be posted on signs. This is will be put into motion in mid June. Kimberly Darling will be starting this and then train the staff at the landing. Manny asked if there has been water testing up to this point and was told not for fecal matter.

The committee looked over the remainder of the Harbormaster's report.

Chief Tolan showed photos of and gave a brief description of the new boat.

## **V**

### **Agenda Item:**

#### **a. Discuss Handy Boat Service representative on the harbor committee to be a non-resident**

The committee discussed allowing a non-resident to sit on the Harbor Committee, particularly for Handy Boat to have a representative, but not necessarily exclusively.

Peter Thornton made the motion to the Town Council to amend the wording of the ordinance to allow up to 3 non-residents to sit on the committee however, in approving or rejecting a motion there needed to be at least 3 residents being in agreement to pass any motion. A vote was taken and the motion was approved unanimously.

Richard Garrett voiced concern that he may not be available in August, and that someone else from the committee might have to attend.

## **VI New Business**

Chief Tolan reported that the rangers returning this summer. They will be Ellie Plaster, returning from last year and Connor McDowell will be new.

Claudia King brought up concerns from a member of the community regarding cars parking without permits. She was told that, short of towing cars, the staff is doing everything they can to try to keep this from happening however people still park where they are not supposed to.

Chief Tolan outlined the steps that are taken to attempt to curb the problem.

The Brown property was mentioned, but nothing has been decided. However, there has been recent discussion on what the Town Council would like to do with it and a sub-committee has been formed.

## **VII Set Date for Next Meeting**

Richard Craven made a motion to set the date for the next meeting was scheduled for October 27, 2016 at 0800 at the Falmouth Police Department.

## **Adjourn**

Richard Craven made a motion to adjourn the meeting , William Oliver seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Kimmerly Maxfield-Fearon on 10/13/16.