

**HARBOR COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007 – 9:00 A.M.**  
**PAUL J. BERTSCHINGER COMMUNITY CENTER**

Members Present: Chair Mike Fitzgerald, Ken Mathys, Skip Ballje, Josh VanLieshout, and Harbormaster Steve Smith

Members Absent: John Hurckman and Rick Langdon

Also Present: Charity Buhr, Steve Schaefer, Ed James, and Karl Klug

**1. Call meeting to order.**

Chair Fitzgerald called meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**2. Approval of the July 25, 2007 Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes.**

No quorum present from the meeting, postponed approval until next month.

**3. Committee Chair to discuss Robert's Rules of Order**

The Committee would like to open up the meetings to the public but would like to keep it in an orderly fashion.

**4. Open Session (Limited To Ten Minutes).**

Schaefer asked about the milestones of the marina project.

Fitzgerald explained that with the note resolution passed August 27 the money will be available to get the project through the DNR and the Waterways Commission and to find out what if there are any grants the Village may be eligible for.

James stated that it is best to keep the DNR informed to the best ability so they aren't surprised by anything.

James suggested checking with local contractors about cost estimates for the breakwater and its fill.

**5. Harbormaster Report**

A gentleman donated a set of binoculars to the marina and has been sent a thank you letter.

The public works department built a fence around the play area as recommended.

The caution signs haven't yet been put up at the dock.

The combination to gain access to the private bathrooms has been changed. This has lowered the time required to clean them dramatically.

The Harbor Staff helped install the floating swim buoys at the beach swim area.

The new dingy rack is complete and in use.

The two college workers are gone back to college and there have been two employees hired to replace them.

The first marina swap meet was held last weekend. There were about 7 people that sold items, more than 100 people wandered through. There were a few items purchased for the marina that were needed.

Saturday regatta series is coming to an end, the next race in the harbor is the Labor Day race this week Sunday.

This is followed by a pig roast sponsored by the Egg Harbor Yacht Club.

The official purpose of extending slip 40 was to help with large rentals and to assist in fueling boats.

The hours of operation of the marina will be from 9 – 5 after Labor Day weekend.

There was a loss of control incident recently. A particular gentleman is having trouble dealing with his boat.

Smith is concerned that he may injure himself or damage someone else's property. Smith would like to send him a letter requiring him to have someone with him to take the boat in and out of the marina for safety reasons.

Harbor Master fell into the water while trying to help a boat off of the dock.

The season is winding down and there are already people discussing when their boats will be taken out of the marina for the season.

The staffing has been reduced due to the winding down of the season.

All of the parts are in for the water fountain and it will be installed soon near the office.

Smith brought up the lock system on the dock bathrooms and a desire to have it functional.

VanLieshout explained that Public Works has ordered the "slow children at play" signs and they will be installed shortly.

**6. Report from Village Office – Charity**

The Village will send a letter to Mr. Nelson asking for the remainder of his paperwork and informing him that this is a requirement to have an approved contract for a slip in the harbor for 2007.

Add the status of Mr. Nelson's status to the agenda for September.

**A. Fence for playground.**

Completed by Public Works; look great; and it will be painted once the wood dries out.

**7. Early Slip Outage Leases**

This refers to renting a slip out at a reduced rate to someone at the end of the season once the permanent tenant has removed their boat.

Smith would like to charge the end of season long term boaters for ½ price through the end of the season, at least a two week period of time.

Ballje moved, seconded by Fitzgerald to authorize the Harbor Master to rent out transient slips after the Labor Day weekend at a rate equal to at least ½ of the current published rate for periods of two weeks or more.

Motion passed unanimously.

**8. Status of slip 39**

The official purpose of extending slip 40 was to help with large rentals and to assist in fueling boats.

The extension of slip 39, although a direct result of the extension of slip 40, was not the intent.

Fitzgerald would like the tenant of slip 39 to be billed as previously.

Mathys would like to have his slip designated 36' so that he can get a 36' boat as originally discussed in 2005.

The consensus of the committee was that if Mathys purchased a larger boat he will pay by boat length.

**9. Wait List System**

Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mathys that the office contact the people that listed a 35'-40' slip and find out which lists the people are interested in being on and have it correspond with the original date of application.

Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Adjournment**

Ballje moved, seconded by Fitzgerald to adjourn at 11:12A.M. Motion passed unanimously.

**Next meeting time and date**

September 26 at 9:00

October 24 at 9:00