



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Harbor Board Meeting

Friday, June 23, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Jun 23, 2023 12:00 PM Alaska
Topic: Harbors and Ports Advisory Board Meeting

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **February 9, 2023 Harbor Board Meeting Minutes**
3. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
4. **Persons to be Heard Related to the Agenda**
5. **Persons to be Heard Unrelated to the Agenda**
6. **Harbormaster Report**
 - A. **June 23, 2023 Harbormaster Report**
7. **Unfinished Business**
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Rate Increase for Vessels that do not Frequently Move**

Staff is proposing increasing moorage rates for those customers who have permanent stall leases that moor vessels that do not annually leave their assigned stall for a period of time. Staff is interested in what the Board would consider a reasonable

amount of time to require vessels to be out of their stalls to not qualify for the increased rate.

B. One-time Derelict Boat Disposal Fee

Staff is proposing a fee for all new lease customers of a one-time charge for derelict boat disposal. Currently, the Harbor Department annual budget includes a \$7,500 line item for dealing with derelict boat disposal. Typically, this amount has been adequate, but as vessels become more and more expensive to dispose of staff is looking to generate a revenue stream for dealing with future issues. Staff is interested in what the Board would consider a reasonable fee.

9. Communication

10. Discussion Items

A. State Seaplane Facility Condition Assessment

A condition assessment of the State Seaplane Facility could be forthcoming. Manager Giesbrecht is interested in having information for a possible discussion at the Assembly level concerning a request for major maintenance or facility upgrades.

11. Adjourn



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Meeting Minutes Harbors and Ports Board

Thursday, February 09, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Board Chair Bob Martin
Board Member Casey Knight
Board Member John Murgas
Board Member Don Spigelmyre
Board Member Jim Stromdahl
Board Member Scott Roberge

EXCUSED

Board Member Daniel Cardenas

2. Approval of Minutes

A. April 15, 2022 Harbors and Ports Advisory Board Minutes

The April 15, 2022 Harbors and Ports Advisory Board meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

4. Persons to be Heard Related to the Agenda

Persons with views to share on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

No views were shared.

5. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to the Agenda

Persons with views to share on subjects not on today's agenda may do so at this time.

Scott Pullar requested funds be added to the Scow Bay Facility Maintenance budget for more frequent surface grading.

6. Harbormaster Report

A. January 2023 Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Wollen reviewed her written report, which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

A. Wake Zone Request

Member Spigelmyre explained the wake issue he feels has gotten worse in the last few years. Members each spoke to the hazards of the issue and suggested increased education targeting boaters transiting the area. Board members suggested increased signage that includes specific code references as part of the post. Motion to advise Borough Assembly to increase the current \$50.00 fine to \$200.00 per incident was passed unanimously.

B. Capping Live Aboard Customers

Harbormaster Wollen proposes a 10% cap on Live-Aboard status per stall length be added to Chapter 14.20.125 Live-Aboard Policy in Borough Code. Member Knight made a motion to clarify the Live-Aboard status as "A vessel with at least one person living aboard for 15 consecutive days within a 30 day billing cycle and moored in the Petersburg Harbor is considered a live aboard", Member Roberge seconded and the motion was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Board Member Knight, Seconded by Board Member Roberge.

Voting Yea: Board Chair Martin, Board Member Knight, Board Member Murgas, Board Member Spigelmyre, Board Member Stromdahl, Board Member Roberge

Discussion continued with audience members commenting on various sources of concern for making the changes. Board Member Murgas would like more public involvement prior to the Assembly decision. A motion was made to support the proposed change to the Borough Code "During the months of May through October of each year, no more than ten percent (10%) of the moorage spaces within each category of stall length may be utilized at any one time" and passed by a vote of 5-1.

Motion made by Board Member Knight, Seconded by Board Member Spigelmyre.

Voting Yea: Board Chair Martin, Board Member Knight, Board Member Spigelmyre, Board Member Stromdahl, Board Member Roberge

Voting Nay: Board Member Murgas

C. Clarifying Prohibited Acts

Harbormaster Wollen proposed clarifying language in the Borough Code to specifically add "float houses" to the prohibited acts listed in 14.20.250(B). The board discussed needing a description before voting to support the request, therefore no action was taken. Member Spigelmyre made a motion, seconded by Member Murgas, to support

adding "Commercial use of the harbor facilities for rental of vessels for residential purposes, either on a short-term rental (e.g., vacation rental or bed & breakfast) or long-term rental basis is prohibited. This does not preclude short-term moorage of a marine passenger ship providing overnight lodging as part of a cruise, as that term is defined in PMC 4.80.020.", and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Board Member Spigelmyre, Seconded by Board Member Murgas.

Voting Yea: Board Chair Martin, Board Member Knight, Board Member Murgas, Board Member Spigelmyre, Board Member Stromdahl, Board Member Roberge

9. Communication

10. Discussion Items

Member Murgas presented his request of the Borough's Water Department for installation of a private water meter at the Scow Bay Turnaround Launch Ramp location and asked the members for comment. Discussion occurred concerning project funding source and Mr. Murgas reported that his company, Petersburg Marine, will be paying for the installation. The Board was supportive of the project.

Member Spigelmyre asked about water quality testing after the South Harbor Dredge Project completion and the availability of testing results. Harbormaster Wollen affirmed the USACE monitors a variety of environmental concerns throughout the project and makes those available to the public.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

June 2023 Harbormaster Report

Staff: We are losing Rans McIntosh at the end of June so are advertising a maintenance position right now. Jim Engell is back for the summer to help cover shift work.

Maintenance:

North Harbor –Seasonal cleaning and upkeep is ongoing.

Middle Harbor – Normal upkeep. Rock and Road successfully installed the anodes earlier this spring. They also accomplished the spot dredging under the float system that was needed to not further damage the landing float and ramp system from the unusual winters amount of sediment coming from Hammer’s Slough runoff.

South Harbor – Rock N Road successfully installed a new piling on D float by sleeving the old one with a 16 inch pile this spring.

Crane Dock – Rock N Road also replaced the two piling that the Alaskan Girl rammed and broke last summer.

Drive Down – Busy! The notice boards we regularly put out posting reserved times seems to work well and the fleet has been extremely patient with other users needing access to the facility.

Scow Bay – Continue to monitor area daily and maintenance as needed.

Port Storage - graded & rolled regularly

Dredge update: Western Marine successfully dredged the entrance to the South Harbor, removing the high spots so we are looking forward to a season without vessel grounding issues.

PETRO Trade update: Hopefully there will be a decision soon.

Scow Bay: Word was received from the DC lobbyist that Senator Murkowski sponsored a request for funding for the Scow Bay project feasibility study through the USACE. Also reported that Sen. Murkowski and Congresswoman Peltola put this project on their priority list for future funding.

Misc:

- 23/24 Budget was passed.
- Liveaboard cap, \$200 wake fine and adding floathouses to the list of unauthorized uses of the Harbor all passed into ordinance form.
- USCG Dockside examiner is coming to Petersburg as a courtesy to those boat owners that missed prior dockside exam opportunities.
- waiting list continues to grow
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