

PORT OF BELLINGHAM

MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012
SQUALICUM HARBOR OFFICE
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Peter Border
Jeff Hegedus
Gene Knutson
Brian Pemberton
Jim Young
Paul LaVelle

Committee Members Absent:

Lummi Representative
Joe Orem

Port Representatives Present:

Andy Peterson
Mike Endsley
Pam Taft

Committee Members Excused:

Ron Kleinknecht
Doug Sterrett
Jerry Writer

Visitors/Guests:

Elizabeth Kilanowski
George Mundell

Roll Call

Jeff Hegedus called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

February 14, 2012 Minutes

The February 14, 2012 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Brian Pemberton to approve the minutes as written. This was seconded by Jim Young and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Dockside Feedback

Jeff Hegedus commented on the Zebra Mussels, an invasive species that is transferred between freshwater lakes and rivers. Concerned with transferring the invasive species to Lake Whatcom, mandatory inspections will be performed on boats prior to launching into Lake Whatcom. Jeff mentioned that Clare Fogelson from the city's Public Works Department could possibly come to a future MAC meeting and talk about invasive species.

Jim Young mentioned he received an email from Mayor Linville who stated that the Fire boat did not make the cut in their recent funding decisions. Mike Endsley mentioned that the memo from the MAC regarding the Firebelle was submitted to the Commission.

Gate 3 Update

Mike Endsley gave an update on the Gate 3 construction. The dredging is done, finger floats have been installed, and the electrical and mechanical work is currently underway. Jim Young asked how many boats would be moving from Blaine to Squalicum. Andy Peterson responded that while we expect some significant movement we weren't sure of the exact numbers. However, staff is tracking the potential side-effects of the movements and is assigning moorage to any boat looking for moorage and is mooring them on the visitor dock and Gate 3 Blaine has been experiencing an increase in new moorage which is packing a lot of the empty berths.

Quickie Lifts

Mike announced that the Quickie Lifts have left the harbor. They were towed to the south side for final demolition and scrapping. Staff is currently looking at ideas on how best to utilize the space.

Commercial Training Seminar

Mike talked about the Wild Seafood Exchange, held in Bellingham which is primarily for the Commercial Vessel Operators. A question was raised if anyone can attend the seminar and Mike responded that staff will get an answer on who else can attend.

Staff Updates

- Pam Taft talked about the work being done to phase all the annual moorage accounts to an April renewal beginning in 2013. She explained how the annuals are being prorated and that we're on schedule with prorating annuals as they come due.
- Pam Taft reviewed the new moorage rate going into effect April 1, 2012 and the rate is consistent with what the Blue-Line Moorage Model originally predicted. A 2012 copy of the Blue-Line was handed out to the group. Jim Young asked if the new ACF rate has increased commercial boats in the harbors. Mike replied that it has been very busy with commercial boats particularly transient commercial vessels.
- Mike gave an update on the purchase of ladders. He said that this item is on the agenda for the next Commission meeting for approval of a budget transfer.
- Andy updated the group on the road construction taking place this summer as part of the Blaine Gateway Project.

There being no further business the MAC was adjourned at 7:30 pm.