

# **PORT OF BELLINGHAM**

**MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING  
TUESDAY, January 13, 2015  
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

## **Minutes**

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### **Committee Members Present:**

Elizabeth Kilanowski  
Peter Border  
Jim Kyle  
Ian Puchlik  
Jim Young  
Jerry Writer

### **Committee Members Excused:**

Doug Sterrett  
Brian Pemberton  
Bill Douglas

### **Port Representatives Present:**

Andy Peterson  
Dan Stahl  
Pam Taft

### **Committee Members Absent:**

### **Visitors/Guests:**

Burt Rubash  
Jim Jorgenson  
Dan Robbins  
Byron Richards

### **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### **December 9, 2014 Minutes**

The December 9, 2014 Minutes were approved unanimously. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Peter Border and seconded by Ian Puchlik.

### **Public Comment**

No Public Comment was offered.

## **Dockside Feedback**

1. Elizabeth Kilanowski asked about the status the Wi-Fi installation at Squalicum Harbor. Andy updated that the install is in progress. Some power issues are being resolved. They should be done in a month or so and then they will head up to Blaine.
2. A comment was made about the Port Boat House being damaged in the past wind storm. Andy gave an update that the Port is in discussion with the Bellingham Fire Department about the possibility of them using the over water coverage of the Port's boat house to help them permit a new boat house for the fire department's new fire boat which should arrive in Bellingham early this summer. Everyone agreed that the Port's structure was in bad shape after the wind storm and that finding a beneficial re-use was also worth the effort.
3. Jim Young asked a question about labeling slips on gate 8. Andy was going to check in to using the Port's labeling machine and attaching labels to the new dock boxes.

## **Insurance**

Andy updated the MAC that the Port Commission adopted the new moorage agreement at their last meeting. As Port staff is working with boaters with the new insurance requirements, a number of questions have been raised regarding the new standards. The idea has been brought up about the Port sponsoring an open house meeting that would invite boaters and insurance providers so that boaters could better understand the requirements and see what policies are being offered by the market that might meet those standards. After much discussion it was agreed to pursue this idea. After a lengthy calendar discussion it was suggested that Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at noon is the preferred time. Port staff will investigate this further, do some outreach through the newsletter and keep the MAC informed as to progress. It was also discussed that filming this event would be a good idea and then upload it to the web site so that people who are not able to attend the open house might also be able to review the discussion.

## **Membership**

The MAC was hoping to hear back from Dana Wilson from Lummi about the possibility of him joining the MAC. Unfortunately we have not been able to get a response from Dana at the present time so it was decided to take the two recommendations from last month, Paul Burrill and Byron Richards and forward that to the Commission for consideration at their next meeting. Several MAC members were explicit in wanting to keep the door open for Dana should his time become available in the future to join the MAC.

## **Janitorial**

Andy reviewed the MAC interest in janitorial services in the harbor. There have been lengthy discussions about the level of cleanliness and the budget appropriations for this service. Andy was happy to report that the Port has changed its bidding structure and recently awarded a new

contract to service providers for Blaine and Squalicum Harbor that are stand-alone contracts accountable to each of the Harbor Masters. This is different than the prior contract which was a Port-wide. So the Harbor Masters will now have additional responsibility to manage the contract but the hope is that they will also have additional control that should lead to a higher level of service for the harbors. It was also noted that the contracts came in below current budget levels which will save the harbor some funding for the coming year. The contract for Blaine is with Northwest Management Services out of Ferndale and the Squalicum contract is with ABM, the current vendor.

### **Staff Updates**

1. Gate 8: The bathroom has been completely redone, including bringing the bathrooms up to ADA compliance. However there were issues with the fixtures in the women's bathroom. Andy will loop back to Adam Fulton, the Port's engineer for a resolution.
2. Gate 9: Port staff recently worked with the Bellingham police department and was able to apprehend the person who was living (unauthorized) on somebody else's boat. Finger prints taken from the boat were a key piece of evidence for the Bellingham Police Department.
3. Gate 12: Visitor dock. A 60' steel vessel had its mast topple over after the stays were inadvertently removed while at the dock.
4. Wild Seafood Exchange. Dan updated the MAC on this event scheduled for February 25 to highlight local fishers and their interest in selling directly to consumers, instead of wholesalers.
5. Gate 3 Waterline: Andy gave an update to the CIP project. Construction has commenced. In water work should be complete by mid-February. Hopefully the project closes out by the end of March.
6. Vancouver Boat Show: Andy gave a brief update on his preparation for taking Blaine staff up to the Vancouver Boat Show. The show dates are January 21 – 25 at the BC Place Stadium. The purpose of our presence at the Vancouver boat show to keep Blaine full.
7. Pam gave an update on the new marina software. Many members of the MAC complimented Pam on the new statements which were a big improvement over the old statements.
8. Dan gave Jerry Writer an update on the Port tenant list that will be available and displayed in both harbors. Business license holders' names will also be available upon request.
9. Dan and Byron Richards gave an update to the MAC on the first meeting of the multi-party boathouses for Squalicum Harbor. Four of the representatives were present. Topics included keeping each other informed on updates and a lengthy discussion on the upcoming capitol project for the Gate 3 fire line.

With no further business the January 13, 2015 MAC meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.