

# **PORT OF BELLINGHAM**

**MAC (MARINA ADVISORY COMMITTEE) MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2015  
HARBOR CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON**

## **Minutes**

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### **Committee Members Present:**

Elizabeth Kilanowski  
Jerry Writer  
Jim Young  
Doug Sterrett  
Brian Pemberton  
Jim Kyle  
Peter Border  
Paul Burrill  
Byron Richards  
Bill Douglas  
Ian Puchlik

### **Committee Members Absent:**

### **Port Representatives Present:**

Andy Peterson  
Kyle Randolph  
Dan Stahl

### **Committee Members Excused:**

Jerry Writer

### **Visitors/Guests:**

Bert Rubash  
Dan Robbins  
John Plummer  
Susan Plummer  
Don Scott

### **Roll Call**

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

### **January 13 Minutes**

The April 14, 2015 Minutes were approved unanimously. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Young and seconded by Jim Kyle.

## **Public Comment**

John & Susan Plummer. John is a live aboard at Squalicum Harbor and spoke again against any kind of live aboard fees. John mentioned that he had met with a number of other live aboards to discuss enforcement of Port rules and regulations and financial issues. John was hoping for an open public process as the Port delved into issues regarding live aboards in their harbors.

Don Scott. Don is a live aboard at Squalicum Harbor. Don complained about how he was treated by both Port security and Bellingham Police Department in a recent incident regarding the showers at Squalicum Harbor. Kyle Randolph, Squalicum Harbor Master, responded saying that the security staff person had been reprimanded regarding the incident brought up by Don Scott. Kyle apologized on behalf of the Port.

## **Dockside Feedback**

Elizabeth Kilanowski asked about the lighting for the comfort station at gate 3. Apparently the lights are not coming on at the appropriate time of day. It was discussed about putting a photo sensor to replace the current sensor which needs to be manually adjusted.

Peter Border asked questions about the pressure line being constructed at Gate 3. Kyle Randolph responded that the project is essentially done with the exception of several small items on the punch list. Peter also asked if the day dock and the inner basin at Squalicum Harbor is still open for vessel use and staff responded absolutely that it was.

Ian Puchlik informed the MAC that he had recently done a dock walk in Blaine Harbor and everything was going very well. Everyone is enjoying life and was happy Port tenants. He said he pushed further and asked what could be done beyond the current level of service. Ian shared several comments on this prompt. One was more dock carts; there was occasionally bird poop on the hand rails to the ramps, occasionally odors coming out of the rest rooms and perhaps a new shelf in the restroom.

Doug Sterrett had questions about what vessels needed to be surveyed to be in compliance with new regulations. Kyle responded that there is no specific age or physical condition that would trigger a survey, and what a surveyor looks at during a survey is not set in stone. Survey requirements are based on each individual insurance provider's tolerance for risk and the policies they generate based on those tolerances. One insurance provider may require a survey every two years, while another might not require a survey at all. It is up to the vessel owner to speak to their own insurance provider and see what steps would be required to obtain insurance through that particular agency.

Byron Richards mentioned the heat in the Gate 3 comfort station. Kyle responded that a work order has been put in to adjust that. Byron also mentioned concerns about the pump out over on Gate 1 may need some additional fendering. Staff responded that we are in the process of

looking at grant to replace the pump out and will also look at the fendering to see if that needs some additional maintenance and repair.

Andy gave an update on the environmental clean-up in the Blaine industrial area. He handed out the public fact sheet that has been offered jointly by the Port of Bellingham and the Department of Ecology (Attached to these minutes). Dan and Andy thanked Paul Burrill and Jim Kyle for their participation in recent discussions about how the fueling facility in Blaine will be impacted with the environmental clean-up. A broader discussion ensued regarding the possibility of a future fueling facility. All agreed that it would be an amenity that the Port would like to provide for a full service harbor.

Dan then gave a quick update on the rip rap assessment that is being funded by the Port to assist the Port and the City of Blaine in determining the possible expenses for future repairs for Marine Drive between the sewage treatment plant and the end pier.

Dan gave an update on the merchant lease holder review. This review is scheduled during the budget process last year. Dan reported that Marinas and Real Estate staff has met with the merchant lease holders. Those tenants at Squalicum Harbor that have both upland offices and lease in-water slips and are engaged in brokerage and or chartering. A general discussion of the review ensued. Dan said he would bring this back to the MAC's attention later in the fall with a progress report.

### **Staff Updates**

- Numerous small items and area events were discussed amongst the MAC. Prior to closing, the issue came up as to whether or not there should be a June meeting. The consensus of that discussion was that the MAC would take a summer hiatus for June, July and August, returning at the regular time and place in September 2015.

With no further business the May 12, 2015 MAC meeting adjourned.