

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Marinas and Moorings Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 8:00 AM

Present: Tim Nelson-Chair, John Held, Bob Plansky, Bruce Nelson, Paul Wilson

Absent: Steve Chomeau

Staff: Brent Bristol-Administrator, Andrea Collak-Clerk/Treasurer

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Tim Nelson-Chair at 8:00 A.M. A quorum is present for this meeting.
2. **Changes in agenda:** None
3. **Visitors' comments:** Held believes that with certain projects the Village of Ephraim Harbormaster should have some limited financial latitude without committee approval. Committee members agreed and specific numbers will be determined at the next meeting.
4. **Minutes from 1/25/2017**

Motion per Bruce Nelson to approve the minutes from 1/25/2017 as written, seconded by Held, Wilson abstained, and motion carried.

5. **Update on previously discussed and approved items (buoys, swim area, committee composition...)**

Bristol reported that new buoys were delivered and he will coordinate the process with Dave Nelson.

Bristol asked the committee composition if there is an intent going to five members with upcoming committee reappointments. Committee with six members requires bigger quorum, added Bristol. Held clarified that adding the sixth member to the committee was based on an assumption that quorum is likely to be achieved if more people can come to the meeting. Tim Nelson mentioned the requirements that discourage larger committees unless more people are willing to attend. Tim Nelson will reach out to Steve Chomeau and ask Steve how he feels about serving another term in the committee with his busy schedule. Wilson inquired about appointing alternates. Bristol believes that there is a way to appoint alternates.

Bristol updated the committee on mooring situation and mentioned 43 leased out moorings out of 50 permitted moorings. The 7 in questions were not officially rented for a few years. The 2 out of those have no coordinates and the other 5 might not be accurate, added Bristol. Customers tied to those moorings have been unreachable. They own the tackle including train wheel/weight. Former harbormaster Keith Lindstrand pointed to the following language;

- (1) *Mooring tackle may not be placed until May 1 of any given year unless by permission of the Harbormaster. All fees shall be paid in full before a mooring may be installed. Any mooring not having its rental paid by June may be removed by the Village of Ephraim. All tackle must be removed by November 1*

By this the committee can argue that even though weights were once privately owned they become the Village's once they were left and went unpaid, added Bristol. If the missing weight could be found we are within the right to repurpose it, concluded Bristol. Held suggested giving Dave Nelson some of the coordinates and see if he can find them. Tim Nelson suggested trying to contact the owners and letting them know that the Village is in the process of searching for the weights and interested in repurposing them.

6. Discussion and recommendation regarding mooring shuttle storage

Bristol reported that Marina is fully rented. From a mooring shuttle/dinghy storage standpoint only 5 people paid for on land storage and 13 customers paid for in water storage having an option to choose for only extra \$20.00. Bruce Nelson believes there is room for 13 spots with a new dinghy dock holding 4 on each side and the old dinghy dock on the south side that can hold 5. Bristol will pass the information to committee member once he gets all the paperwork in. Committee members agreed to have mooring shuttle spots assigned.

Held suggested using the old wood at recycling center for out of the water storage to keep dinghies and canoes of the ground and numbered. Bruce Nelson mentioned that there are many different designs depending on the Village needs but he came up with two-tier 24 feet long and 8-10 feet deep mooring shuttle storage that would hold 8 upside down mooring shuttles. Tim Nelson noted that he would rather go longer on the ground before going to second row as it is easier to drag a dinghy than getting it up/down. Bristol will have 4 beams from recycling center put at the Marina and the committee will determine how big of an area they would want to use for out of the water storage at the Walk around the Village meeting. After that committee members can talk about specific design, added Held.

7. Discussion regarding marina expansion concepts and costs

Bruce Nelson introduced this item. Bruce Nelson has no expectation for this project but he thought that the committee should have some idea of feasibility and a cost options that are available. Bruce Nelson went over three different options.

Option A; area furthest to the South; would take a new pier as well as finger piers for total cost of \$369,000. We will lose or will have to move dinghy and transient spots but would gain 15 slips, added Bruce Nelson. Option B; middle area; adding 7 finger piers with 13 new 30' slips at total cost of \$203,000. Option C; the biggest area to the North; the most expensive option because of new development and the amount of dredging at total cost of \$541,000. Option C will add 14 new 30' slips, concluded Bruce Nelson. Bristol reported that Option A would be paid off from current rental fees in 11 years, Option B in 7 years and Option C in 17 and half years.

Tim Nelson inquired about the area across from Wilson's Restaurant. Bruce Nelson noted that it is far from the Marina and little harder to control.

Wilson asked if there was any thought of extending two existing docks. Tim Nelson explained that being in the north-west exposure and maintenance of it might be the reason it was never an option.

Held commented that it is great to have some estimates. He questioned if there is a need for any of these options. For the last 2-3 years customers are not signing up for slips if they are actively pursuing something, noted Bristol. Wilson added that they are for the first time available slips in the Fish Creek and Egg Harbor.

More discussion on possible expansion of Anderson Dock.

Tim Nelson concluded that this information is worth keeping and stops the committee from being distracted of not knowing. The information will be attached to the approved minutes from April 12th, 2017.

8. Visitors' comments: None

9. New business for next meeting: Discussion and recommendation regarding harbormaster's financial latitude on necessary items without committee approval.

Held suggested cleaning up the language regarding mooring tackle/mooring floating buoy to be removed from the mooring area by November 1st each year. Discussion and recommendation regarding committee composition after Steve Chomeau gives his thoughts. Discussion and recommendation regarding closing down the launches at the Marina during FyrBal. Discussion and recommendation regarding disposition of three dinghies at the recycling center that have been there for three winters.

10. **Next meeting Date:** Next Walk around the Village meeting Wednesday, April 26th, 2017 at 8:00 A.M. Next meeting Wednesday, May 3rd, 2017 at 8:00 A.M.

11. **Adjournment**

Motion per Held to adjourn the meeting of the Marinas & Moorings Committee at 9:15 A.M., seconded by Wilson, and motion carried.

Recorded by,

Andrea Collak – Clerk/Treasurer

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