



Waterfront Baddeck Committee Meeting Minutes April 26, 2024

10:AM – 11:20 AM

Steven's Boathouse In person and by Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Steven Goldthwaite

Rhonda Kay

John Langley

Denise Mulley

Gary Crowder (zoom)

Regrets:

Terry Kelly, Bill Marchant and Sean Baldwin

AGENDA REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

Governance:

The minutes of the board meeting of March 29, 2024 were approved as distributed.

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Public Wharf:

A crane will be on site and the *floating docks placed* back in the water Monday, April 29th with the volunteer group to meet on the wharf at 9 am. Tools, straps etc have been secured to facilitate the work.

Commercial tour operators: Chairman reported that he, Denise and Gary had met with both Paul Jamieson and the Winstar group. Paul is very frustrated that his 2024 berthing fee which has been increased from \$3,600 to \$4000. The committee agreed that it would maintain its position in making this recommendation to the village commission for the seasonal berth rate (June-September) and altering its recommendation for 'off-season' rates by cutting the per diem in half for both operators. Winstar continues to press for a structure/booth adjacent to its berth. This led to a detailed discussion of the rationale behind the committee's recommendation prohibiting any structures on the wharf at the conclusion of which that position remains unchanged. This stance as well as undertakings by WB to address other issues including drainage to eliminate water pooling on the wharf deck, waste receptacles and wharf lighting will be communicated to both operators by the liaison group.



Steve Ross reported that he has been back and forth with Roman and the insurers for the repairs to the Freight Shed. The process has been protracted but he will continue to press for a resolution.

Fire safety plan: Denise reported that contact had been made with BVFD Chief David Buchanan who will advance that cause on behalf of the department.

Dinghy dock options: Given the real need for such a site it was proposed that for this summer a section of the boardwalk be laid off with cleats and boaters invited through information imparted to the Baddeck Mooring Authority, Bras d'Or Yacht Club and others of this gratuitous service. A sign would be placed on the face of the boardwalk indicating dinghy dock location.

Bookings/Vessels of interest: Denise reported on one new booking for a super yacht of 100' for August 13-14. Bookings to date have been slower than last year. The HMCS Glace Bay, and a Fisheries Patrol vessel plans to visit dockside in Baddeck in early June.

Bookings site update: Efforts are ongoing to have a new booking system in place for this season. Work continues to conclude arrangements for a 15K grant for a Monerous System. There may also be other grant monies available; decision made to apply for a 5K 'photo grant' to complement this project.

Boardwalk:

Chairman noted that a 'boardwalk planning and engineering meeting' was scheduled for noon this date which would bring together all the major players in the boardwalk project.

Kidston Island:

Lighthouse engineering report: Has been received from Harbourside in the form of conceptual drawings for the replacement and reconstruction of the foundation of the Kidston Island lighthouse. This will form the basis for further discussion; it was agreed that WB would not pursue funding through the federal 'legacy grant' at this time pending further consideration of costing associated with this work.

Lions Club ferry dock: Efforts are ongoing to find a suitable replacement for the floating dock loaned to WB for the Lions Club ferry last year. Steve G. and Steve R. will attend at Little River to look at two floats which may be suitable for purchase.

Intern: Emily MacDonad will be returning to work with WB beginning in mid-May. Funding has been put in place to cover her wages through the Clean Foundation. WB will provide Emily with a job description; JGL has agreed to follow up with Emily regarding her work on a weekly basis during her work term.



Public washroom- A WB meeting will be organized with Gwen to discuss signage requirements and the need to paint the back/waterside of the community hall.

Support boat - Steven reported that the 16' Whaly workboat has been ordered and should be on site early in June. It will be berthed on the village wharf with plans to meet with possible users and stakeholders at the earliest opportunity.

Social media RFQ- has been sent out with responses requested by May 10th

Meeting adjourned 11:20 am

Next Meeting

May 24th, Steve's boathouse

10:00 AM – 11:30

Waterfront Baddeck Committee only

John G. Langley

Secretary

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