



TOWN OF KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE

**Cape Porpoise Pier
Advisory Committee Agenda
October 25, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
VILLAGE FIRE STATION
32 North Street**

NOTE: The start time will be 5:00 PM for this meeting
This is an in-person meeting with no Zoom webinar

1. Call to Order.
2. Concerns about high dues for Recreational Pier Membership. Issue raised by Pier Member Chip Howarth.
3. New Pier Membership category for Commercial Members who are not Fishermen. Fee structure at Government Wharf has a lower rate category for members who do not use refrigerated bait storage.
4. Empty drum storage at Pier. Trent/Venture Bait says they will not be able to collect empties anymore due to staffing shortage.
5. Other Business.
6. Adjournment.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Frank Orr - Harbormaster; George Dow, Peter Eaton - Chair, Charles McLaughlin, Julian Zuke, Kyle Emmons. Chip Howarth – Guest.

1. Call to order 1705

2. Pier Dues discussion

- Chip Howarth complaining of high rates for Recreational membership. Only uses small part of the facility, and only for half the year.
- Pier Membership rates are calculated and passed on to users based on operating expenses and are also in high demand as the anchorage at Cape Porpoise is limited for deep water mooring space.
- Discussion with prices at Government Wharf (see item 3)
- Discussion of demand. Long recreational waitlist for users who are willing to pay the current rate.

Committee decided to implement no changes to current fee structure.

3. Fee structure discussion

Government Wharf Pricing per Jamie Houtz, Kennebunk River Harbormaster

- "Lobsterman" \$500.00 annual fee: Refrigerated bait storage, hoist access, dinghy at dock, wharf access, parking permit.
- "Commercial" \$300.00 annual fee: Hoist access, dinghy at dock, wharf access.
- "Float Access" \$200.00 annual fee: Hoist and Wharf access.
- "Student" \$150.00 annual fee: Access only with accompanied "Lobstermen/Commercial".

Pier Committee elected not to change fees. All commercial users will be charged same rate whether bait space is required or not.

4. Enforcement of bait barrel storage rules. Since there is no longer any active barrel collection by Venture Bait, no dead storage of bait barrels at pier will be allowed moving forward. Trent from Venture Bait said that they will not give barrels out unless customers bring empties. Speak with new management of Venture Bait about charging deposits or implementing other strategies to encourage fishermen to bring barrels back.

5. Other Business

a. Request for ethanol-free gas at the pier. Branch Brook is our current supplier, they do not provide it. Do we have an exclusive contract with Branch Brook? Can we open bids to other suppliers who may have it?

6. Motion to adjourn 1814.