

STATE OF ALABAMA)
 :
COUNTY OF BALDWIN)

The Harbor Board met at 4:00 p.m.,
City Hall, Conference Room, 161 North Section Street,
Fairhope, Alabama 36532, on Wednesday, 10 June 2015.

Present were Chairman Tom Yeager, Members: John Henry, Jr., Tony Chavers, Bob Riggs, Skip Jones, Margaret Meyers, Councilmember Kevin Boone, and James Gillespie. Mayor Timothy M. Kant was absent.

Chairman Tom Yeager called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and stated the first item on the agenda is the request from Rick Gambino for boat lifts.

Bob Riggs moved to endorse the idea of boat lifts at the Fairhope Municipal Pier pursuant to the rules and regulations of the City of Fairhope; and these must be uniform in design. Seconded by Tony Chavers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Margaret Meyers read the proposed by-laws and explained the main points. Skip Jones moved to amend the Harbor By-laws and forward to the City Council for adoption. Seconded by Tony Chavers, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman Yeager mentioned a meeting with Mike Francis, Mayor Kant, James Gillespie, and himself regarding the lease agreement for use of the easement.

James Gillespie stated the rules for the docks do not allow a bed and breakfast or sleeping overnight, so if we are going to allow we need to amend Section 13. Skip Jones stated we also need to look at Section 14 regarding only allowing commercial vessels. Other comments were we need to promote commercial fishermen, need to meter the usage of utilities; and require proof of registration and insurance. John Henry, Skip Jones, and Scott Douglass are to examine the rules and regulations. Bob Riggs suggested the study group to foster a commercial fleet when examining the rules; and mentioned the needs for the docks be revisited to be addressed by the City Council during the budget process.

Bob Riggs stated the Harbor Board needs to address the City Council on the economic impact on boating traffic; i.e. loopers.

Dredging the channels and boat slips was briefly mentioned; and James Gillespie stated we are waiting on the permit from the State of Alabama for the boat slips.

Tony Chavers moved to adjourn. Seconded by Skip Jones, motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business to come before the Harbor Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Tom Yeager, Chairman



Lisa A. Hanks, MMC
City Clerk