

**TREMONT HARBOR COMMITTEE
HARVEY KELLEY MEETING ROOM
MAY 5, 2011
5:00PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jon Crossman called the May 5, 2011 Tremont Harbor Committee to order at 5:00PM

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Jon Crossman, Harbor Committee Members Wayne Rich, Dean Wass, Art Paine, Mike Ryan, Mel Atherton, Harbor Master David Schlaefer, Town Manager Millard Billings, Recording Secretary McKenzie Jewett. Guests included Mark Good-Mount Desert Islander, Charlie Dillon, Jay Clement-ACOE, Bobby Lee, Chummy Rich, Haywood May, Carleton Johnson, Dan Pileggi, Bobby Kelley, Katherine Walsh, Town Attorney James Collier, Nancy Thurlow, Walter Rich, Kim Strauss, and Jamie Thurlow. Absent Spencer Ervin

3. ACCEPT MINUTES

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Mel Atherton to accept minutes as written, seconded by Harbor Committee Art Paine. 5-1, Mike Ryan abstained.

4. TO HEAR ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS REPORT ON FLOATS

Jay Clement from the Army Corp of Engineers was present to address concerns and questions from the Harbor Committee. Due to dredging there has been allot of confusion on floats, lobster cars in the dredge area. Mr. Clement explained to the Board and public that no private entities were allowed to encroach the dredge area. The only floats/lobster cars that are permitted are municipal floats. Rental moorings or floats are not legal. There has been some flexibility concerning lobster cars, this depends on how far Lobstermen need to travel to store their product. Exceptions have been made concerning lobster cars. Any boat yards that have floats, regardless of how long they have been in the water are now considered illegal structures. At no time does the ACOE grandfather floats. It was noted again that Carleton Johnson previously had been renting floats illegally. Once brought to Mr. Johnson's attention, he assured the Harbor Committee that moving forward he will not rent floats anymore.

In order to rectify this matter all floats would have to come into compliance with ACOE regulations as well as Town Ordinance. The Town can become the permit holder and can make arrangements with the owner. Permits maybe granted through the ACOE on a temporary basis for this season. Fisherman are trying to set traps and begin there season now; they aren't able to wait 60-90 for the permit process. All interested parties are allowed two floats, Mr. Johnson will not be allowed the four floats that he used in previous years. All fisherman/business owners etc. will be

treated fairly. Mr. Johnson assured the Harbor Committee that he would comply with requirements.

Mr. Clement advised that the Harbor Committee look into updating the Harbor Ordinance.

Harbor Master Schlaefer would like to Take Jay Clement to the wharf so he can look at the Harbor before dark. **MOTION** by Chairman Jon Crossman to temporarily adjourn the meeting at 6:30, seconded by Harbor Committee Mel Atherton. All in favor.

MOTION by Harbor Committee Member Mel Atherton to open workshop at 7:09PM, seconded by Wayne Rich. All in favor