

**PORT & HARBORS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Port & Harbors Advisory Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., March 8, 2005, in the Port & Harbors Department Office Building, 2933 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James "Rod" Bray
Mr. Rick Erickson
Ms. Donna Gellings
Mr. Dave Nesje (Chairman)
Mr. Lew Williams (Councilmember)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

	Excused
Mr. John Malouf	[]
Mr. Martin Pihl	[]
Mr. Dale "Mickey" Robbins (Vice Chairman)	[]

STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Karl Amylon
Mr. Dave Martin
Ms. Maxine Henderson
Ms. Heidi Wilson

PUBLIC PRESENT:

None

MINUTES:

MOTION was made by Ms. Gellings to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2004 and January 14, 2005 meetings of the Port & Harbors Advisory Board. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Williams. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, and Mr. Williams in favor; none opposed; Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins and Mr. Malouf absent; and one vacant positions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resignation Letter from Tim Clepper, PHAB Member.
2. Draft Port & Harbors Capital Plan, October 10, 2003.
3. Juneau Empire Article written by Katharine Miller.
4. Sitnews Viewpoints Article by Phil Doherty.
5. Authorizing Agreement for Engineering Services-Phase II Improvements to Bar Harbor South, Bar Harbor North and Thomas Basin, kpff Consulting Engineers

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Mr. Karl Amylon addressed the Board and advised that Ms. Kolanko had been on Administrative leave and of the decision to render a letter of termination for cause. He informed the board that Ms. Kolanko had ten days to appeal the decision. He presented the board with a draft plan for Port Expansion. He advised he wanted to give an overview, and presented Alternatives C and F. He said the intent of Alternatives C and F was to provide four 1,000-foot Berths with the ability to get to a fifth quickly thereafter.

He stated that the Council had met last Thursday and he was directed to put the issue of extending Berth II on the agenda. He said the extension of Berth II can provide a fourth berth either to the north or to the south and Trident is opposing a Berth to the south. On behalf of Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska, Mr. Erickson explained a draft Berth II expansion plan. He advised that the plan had a floating dock with a drive down ramp that he understood was a priority with the fishing fleet. He stated it would require taking away the outer float at Casey Moran, replacing it with another float for a net loss of 335 feet. Mr. Amylon stated it was going to be a challenge to meet the 2006 deadline. He stated he had talked to kpff, who was willing to do the work but they are going to make it very clear what the issues and risks are for 2006. Mr. Williams addressed the Board, stating that talking to the Council, nobody wants to go Industry, against Industry, and so that leaves us looking North. He asked if something could be worked out with the Industry, with Stevedoring or with us. He advised this should be secured and done as quickly as possible by 2006. He said it was, unfortunately, so complicated with many issues to be worked out. He stated that with all the different issues, the focus should be on one step at a time. Mr. Nesje stated that if the floats were removed at City Float, he would like to see them moved to the outside of the breakwater at Thomas Basin for the fishing vessels. Mr. Amylon stated that in discussion on any of these proposals, what he got from Coast Guard was they preferred docks that were perpendicular to the uplands for security purposes but you have to deal with what Ketchikan is, a waterside community. Mr. Erickson advised that Skagway was the only Port in Southeast with perpendicular docks. He said Juneau could only handle three and a half ships, Ketchikan has two and a half. Mr. Amylon addressed the Communication #5 and advised it was out to bid. Mr. Nesje advised he talked to Kate McLaughlin about electrical at Thomas Basin and she indicated it would not cost a huge amount to set up the electrical at Thomas Basin so that it could be reused on the next project. He said the biggest cost was in the copper conductor and the sooner you buy, the cheaper it will be as copper is going up in price.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: State Harbor Transfer – Knudson Cove & Hole-in-the-Wall.

Presented for discussion and update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item #1: Alaska Association of Harbormasters & Port Administrators Resolutions.

MOTION was made by Ms. Gellings that the Port & Harbors Advisory Board support AAHPA's resolution regarding Electric Utility Certification. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Williams. **MOTION FAILED** with none in favor, Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, and Mr. Williams opposed; Mr. Malouf, Mr. Pihl, and Mr. Robbins absent; and one vacant position.

MOTION was made by Ms. Gellings that the Port & Harbors Advisory Board support AAHPA's Resolution Number 2004-01 regarding maintenance and repair funds for government owned harbors. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Bray. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Clepper, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Malouf, Mr. Nesje, Mr. Pihl, Mr. Robbins, and Mr. Williams in favor; none opposed; Mr. Malouf, Mr. Pihl, and Mr. Robbins absent; and one vacant positions.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION was made by Ms. Gellings that the Port & Harbors Advisory Board supports the City Council decision to move immediately on the Berth II expansion. **MOTION SECONDED** by Mr. Williams. **MOTION PASSED** with Mr. Bray, Mr. Erickson, Ms. Gellings, Mr. Nesje, and Mr. Williams in favor; none opposed; Mr. Malouf, Mr. Pihl, and Mr. Robbins absent; and one vacant position.

HARBORMASTER REPORT:

Mr. Dave Martin informed the Board that the next day would be Cheryl's last day with the Port & Harbors Department. He stated there was one impoundment that the customer had paid, that would be departing. He advised that Bar Harbor South floats 2, 3, & 4 were ahead of schedule and should be complete in 2 weeks. He told the Board that the Bar Harbor South, Float 1, finger floats were being removed to accommodate open moorage vessel. Mr. Martin advised there was a prototype of the new electrical stanchions in the lobby. He advised that all 48 people on the BHS 32' Waitlist will have stalls in the next month. He informed the board of the maneuver list and the 10% increase in rates. He stated the Department was preparing for the 2005 Cruise ship season, only 2 months to go! He advised that Michael Peters had attended the Seattle Boat Show and he would have him attend to give a presentation. He told the Board that the Department had participated in the Marsec Level II drill today and it went very well. He advised that Human Resources was in the process of advertising for the Port Security Guards and Monitors. He stated there was a request for 14 day parking at Bar Harbor South.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. James "Rod" Bray stated that if people wanted to store a car, they could store it at home. He asked if there was a plan to get the connex boxes out of the grid area. He stated it was nice to see some new faces and hopefully things would get better.

Mr. Rick Erickson had no comment.

Ms. Donna Gellings stated it made a huge difference to her with Rick here to explain.

Mr. Dave Nesje asked if the meter bases had been accepted by KPU. He stated that if we get a written acceptance from KPU, it would alleviate any problem in the future. He also stated that since Mickey was out of town Dave could ad Fish Cleaning Station lights on his list,. He requested a letter of appreciation to Cheryl Rodgers for her support to the Board.

Mr. Lew Williams stated he was glad they went over everything. He said it would be easier to keep the board informed with Rick here. He stated that Mr. Nesje did a good job at Council, and Rod.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made at 8:40 pm. **MOTION SECONDED** and **PASSED** without objection by Mr. Nesje.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Chair/Vice Chair Signature

Date