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**SITKA PORT AND HARBORS COMMISSION**  
Regular Commission Meeting Minutes  
December 19, 2007  
Harrigan Centennial Hall

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Creamer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present:      Ken Creamer                      Chuck Woods  
                                 Marc Moats                              Mike Slifer  
                                 Grant Miller                              Rich MacIntyre

Absent and excused:    Keith Nyitray

Others Present:            Ray Majeski

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2007 MONTHLY MEETING**

**MOTION:**            **M/S Miller/Slifer** moved to approve the minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Majeski mentioned that the items listed under new business for the December meeting were the agenda items prioritized by the Commission for future meetings.

**ACTION:**            Motion **PASSED 6-0** on a voice vote.

**III. CHANGES TO AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

1. Restrictions on liveaboards harborwide per Assembly request – Under New Business
2. Potential regulation coming up related to the cruise lines and the Jones Act – Under Harbormster's Report
3. Water use and garbage disposal by island residents – Under General Discussion

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE**

**V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD - NONE**

**VI. REPORTS**

**1.        *Harbormaster***

Mr. Majeski briefly spoke about the potential regulation related to the Jones Act which would require cruise ships to stay in Canada for at least 48 hours. It would knock out two Southeast Alaska ports from their itineraries with Sitka most likely losing more port calls than any other port. He told the Commission that the City Administrator already wrote a letter to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection urging them to reconsider the proposed changes. The Assembly will also be setting forth a resolution to that effect.

The Harbormaster also updated the members about the electronic gadget to check electricity in the water coming off boats, and the snow removal efforts in the harbors.

At a later part of the meeting, Mr. Majeski said that requests for engineering proposals to do a study/assessment on the condition of ANB Harbor have been sent out by the City Public Works Department. He explained that the study is needed to support any recommendation from the Commission to the Assembly to fund harbor replacement. The City has nine years to go before the State legislation, which provides 50% of the replacement costs, will expire.

2. **City Staff – None**

3. **Chair - None**

4. **Others**

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. **Ordinances for changes to Title 13**

Mr. Majeski presented a draft ordinance prepared by the City Attorney with additional edits by himself as indicated in red print. A brief discussion by the members followed with a consensus to send the draft back to the City Attorney and have the City Administrator sponsor the ordinance.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **Liveboards**

The Chair explained that the Assembly had some concerns with liveboards being not well-defined in the Crescent Harbor Liveboard ordinance. He said that a liveboard should be a vessel owner and not something that's sublet or leased out.

Mr. Majeski added that it is not the intention of the commission to allow charter clients to stay in the boats and leave the next day to fish. He explained that liveboards in Crescent Harbor should be limited because of the flushing action in that particular harbor.

The members briefly discussed how to define liveboard that would apply harborwide and prevent "floating hotels" to crop up yet not affect existing liveboard arrangement for commercial fishermen.

**MOTION:** **M/S Miller/Woods** moved to amend Title 13 to specify that a registered liveboard in all harbors should be vessel owner.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Woods wanted to make sure that the definition would be restrictive on commercial activities but not infringe on the rights of the individual boat owner to have guests on board.

**ACTION:** Motion **PASSED 6-0** on a voice vote.

## IX. GENERAL DISCUSSION

### *Garbage Collection*

Mr. Moats wanted to know if island residents pay for garbage collection as he noted increased dumping of garbage in the harbors by island residents. Mr. Majeski said he will bring back information on the fees to the next meeting. The Chair said that it would be added as an agenda item under unfinished business.

### *Oil Tank*

Mr. Slifer said that he found an oil tank in Ketchikan that costs \$1,000 each. Mr. Majeski said that the Harbors Department will buy one.

### *Wastewater in Crescent Harbor*

Mr. Majeski told the Commission that the Waste Treatment Plant crew has checked the pump out at Crescent Harbor and hinted that there might be a grant available from Fish and Game for the pump and installation under the Clean Water Act.

### *Signage for Eliason Harbor*

In response to the Chair's query, Mr. Majeski said that they got the sign made and it would be installed soon.

### *Breakwater*

Mr. Majeski also mentioned that a total of \$6 million to be released in piecemeal -- \$3 million this year and \$3 million next year -- might be available through the Army Corps of Engineers for correction of the breakwater.

## **X. CLOSING**

### **A. AGENDA**

#### Under unfinished business:

1. Garbage disposal and water use at the harbors by island residents

#### Under new business:

1. Float plane stall rental – Harbormaster to survey other harbors
2. Extension of the no wake zone outside Crescent harbor

### **B. NEXT MEETING DATE HARRIGAN CENTENNIAL BUILDING – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Mr. Slifer informed the members that he will participate in the meeting by telephone.

### **C. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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