

Sitka Port and Harbors Commission Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 6:00PM

Harrigan Centennial Hall

Port and Harbors Commission Members:

Dave Gordon, Jorgen Eliason, Shauna Thornton,
Tyler Green, Michael Nurco, Tamy Stevenson, Andrew Callistini
Chris Ystad (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Thornton called to order at 6:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Andrew Callistini, Jorgen Eliason, Tyler Green, Dave Gordon, Tamy Stevenson

Commissioners Absent : Michael Nurco

Assembly Liaison: Chris Ystad

Staff: Harbormaster Stan Eliason, and Office Manager Alicia Soto

III. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

None.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of April 12, 2023, meeting minutes.

**M – Gordon/ S – Eliason motioned to approve the April 12, 2023, meeting minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.**

VII. REPORTS

- 1) **Harbormaster** – Stan Eliason reported on the RFP for harbor rate study closed with no responses. Seasonal staff would be fully staffed next week. Six new dock carts were constructed. CLAA would be operating the port security at GPIP for cruise ships.
- 2) **City Staff** – None.
- 3) **Chair** – None.
- 4) **Assembly Liaison** – First reading of final budget including 7.3% rate increase would likely go through. GPIP board selected to put the haul out where the existing ramp was currently located.
- 5) **Other (s)** –None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

B. Discussions on the potential reduction of time limits at the Crescent Harbor loading zone and Sewage pump-out dock.

Discussion was had to reduce the load zone time from 2 hours to 1 hour and the pump out slip to be 30 minutes. John Dunlap of Sitka was heard in favor of reducing traffic and increasing safety. Discussion also included making the shortened time seasonal. Fines were also discussed. The issue of vendors at HCH squares counting on that load zone for soliciting trips was brought up.

M-Gordon S/Eliason motioned to reduce the loading zone time limit at Crescent Harbor from 2 hours to 1 hour, and the pump out space from 2 hours to 30 minutes.

The motion sparked further discussion which led to an amendment to the motion.

M-Gordon amended the motion to state reduce the loading zone time limit at Crescent Harbor from 2 hours to 1 hour, and the pump out space from 2 hours to 30 minutes effective seasonally from May 1st to October 31st. Roll call vote as follows: Andrew Callistini-yes, Jorgen Eliason-yes, Tyler Green-yes, Dave Gordon-yes, Shauna Thornton-yes, Tamy Stevenson-yes. Motion passes 6-0.

X. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

1. The next regular scheduled meeting would take place on September 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
2. Ordinances for the time limit and fines for Crescent Harbor load zone limit.
3. Update from tourism task force representative.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Thornton adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM

Attest: Mark Hodges, Deputy Harbor Master