

PORT OF MANCHESTER
MINUTES

April 10, 2017

Manchester Library Meeting Room, 8067 E. Main Street

REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order. Board President Strode called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present were Commissioners Strode, Fallstrom and Peterson. Also present were Contract Administrator O'Connell, Attorney/Auditor Thompson, and 5 guests.

2.0 Approvals – Consent Agenda

2.1 Regular meeting minutes for March 13, 2017

2.2 Vouchers numbered 17-045 through 17-057 in the total sum of \$2,973.06.

After discussion, Commissioner Pedersen moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Fallstrom seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

3.0 Public Comment. - Our MCAC representative, Paul Nuchims gave a report of their meeting. They discussed the County transportation improvement program which is a county wide six year project. They also discussed trails and bike paths and other issues. There is a May 26 deadline for interested persons to report problems with culverts, pot holes, storm water and safety to the County

4.0 Wi-Fi for public library - Brian Moran was present to explain his proposal to install Wi-Fi services at the public library. The library personnel have shown an interest due to their forthcoming fund raiser which plant sale. Additionally, the library personnel wish to have available Wi-Fi for their customers. An antenna needs to be installed, and current thinking is that it should be at the south end of the library building. The Commissioners have shown an interest in making Wi-Fi available to the Port users, including the ramp and docks. Commissioner Pedersen expressed an interest in a demonstration project to see how it works over a short period of time. An antenna could be placed on the Ventek kiosk . The services would be made free to users through advertising.

5.0 Monofilament Recycling Station. The Commissioners expressed an interest in approving the proposal to install the station, as depicted in pictures. It will be done without cost to the Port. Other local Ports are using similar programs.

6.0 Library Lease Review. Attorney Thompson reported that he had researched the law pertaining to leases of Port property, and had found that the State statutes concerning leases have been amended to provide that an option to renew cannot exceed over 30 years beyond the initial 50 year period. If the library wishes to extend the option at this time, the lease could be for not more than 30 years from now until the year 2047, whereas if they library accepts the present lease and renews the option, the lease would go on for a period of 50 years after the year 2029, or the year 2079. Attorney Thompson was requested to direct a letter to the Friends of the Library explaining the above.

7.0 Project Updates. Contract Administrator O'Connell and Commissioner Strode reported that a problem has arisen with regard to the projects for beach improvement that were explained at a prior meeting wherein the Port set forth some parking areas where project personnel could park their equipment during the construction phase. The contractor has abused the privilege and has brought in big equipment and trucks and has violated the trust given in the understanding. The result is that the privilege to use Port property by this contractor has been revoked and the contractor has been informed to stay away from Port property with their vehicles and equipment.

The upper parking lot will be resealed and striped with new designations for parking as agreed in prior meetings.

8.0 Upcoming Events:

- 8.1 4-16-17 - Sunrise Service at Pomeroy Park - Colby Methodist Church
- 8.2 5-6-17 - Shrimping Opens in Marine Area 10
- 8.3 7-15-17- Vessel Safety Inspections

9.0 Miscellaneous

9.1 **Financial Report:** Contract Administrator O'Connell presented a written and an oral report. All is going as planned, and there are no financial concerns at this time. Launch fees are down from prior years, and it is felt that our adverse weather has had a lot to do with this.


9.2 **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Fallstrom stated that it appears that the state legislature will not approve a timely budget, and that a special session is probably forthcoming. His concern is that the legislature is seeking funds from all sources to balance a budget, and that some programs such as grant programs for Ports and funding for derelict vessels may be affected.

10.0 Future Meeting Dates

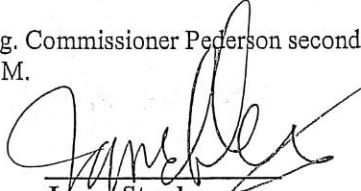
- 10.1 May 8, 2017, 6:00 PM - Regular meeting
- 10.2 June 12, 2017, 6:00 PM - Regular meeting

11.0 Adjournment.

Commissioner Fallstrom moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.



Ronald E. Thompson
Attorney/Auditor



James Strode
President