

Boston Harbor Association Board Meeting
Monday, October 7, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Chris Hamilton, Brian Midles, Richard Thompson, Dan Doty, Nicky Lockwood, Joyce Herschberger. *Members Absent:* Kate Gervais, Mike DeFord, Susan Lund

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Richard Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
- 2) Minutes from the meeting of September 2, 2019 were approved.
- 3) Treasurer's report – Larry Seale is out of area and was unable to submit a financial report for September's transactions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Potluck recap**

Although the attendance was the lowest in several years due to the stormy weather in the morning, all who came seemed to enjoy themselves. The salmon was good and attendees had plenty to eat. Richard suggested that next year we might use only three barbecue grills, and he again thanked all those who helped with the potluck.

2. **Park Cleanup recap**

The turnout was excellent with 15 volunteers. Joyce reported that Dan cut down lots of blackberry bushes, and that Thurston County sent workers to repair the fence while volunteers were working. The county let us borrow their truck, which was a big help with brush removal. The Memorial area was worked on, and is much improved. The group included four new volunteers and one Avanti student who came with parents, earning credits for community service. Joyce sent pictures of the cleanup to the county parks people, and they were very pleased with the pictures. Two people from the Thurston County Parks Department assisted with the cleanup. Dan and Joyce suggested we plan for cleanup twice per year, depending on need. Members agreed that Spring and Fall and 'as needed' is a good plan, and may include future projects. Dan and Joyce mentioned that Nancy and Dave were a big help.

3. **Sheriff's Briefing at Fire Station (November 7?)**

Richard has reached out to the county for an informational meeting on crimes in our area, to include: what kind, how many, and how can we prevent potential crime from happening. It was suggested that the fire department be invited to offer a safety

briefing also, instead of including that in the annual meeting. The November meeting could be called a Public Safety Meeting, and might include water/sewer updates also.

Nicky moved that we offer to include the Fire Dept at the Sheriff's briefing in November. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Committee/ Emergency Services – This committee has been inactive for some time. Group discussion then focused on inviting Vivian Easton to lead a Boston Harbor emergency information meeting in January or February. The 'Great Shake-out Drill' is coming in the next week or so. Joyce supports the Emergency Services presentation/plan and suggests the group bring this up again when more members are present. The suggestion was also made that we talk to the Station 81 staff about being more 'present' to serve our needs. Richard will try to arrange a November date for the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department to hold a public safety meeting.

4. By-Laws Review and potential changes

Richard assigned homework for the next meeting: Read and begin to revise the Association By-laws and come prepared to discuss at the November meeting. He emailed a link to the by-laws pages online. Members should come next month with ideas and notes for revision, as he proposed that the focus for next month's meeting will be by-laws. Dan suggested that at the November meeting we read the sections aloud, and discuss each, leading to work on the draft of the revised version: flag and fix.

5. Checking on Barge Invoice

Richard talked to Mr. Wattles – he will honor what we have done in the past regarding the in-kind donation as a deduction from the charge.

Chris mentioned the buoy has been moved 50 feet and is now a private buoy. We will need to put in a new buoy with Osborne Marine. We can do a temporary buoy for five years, by putting in a block and buoy only for the week of fireworks and then take it down. Dan will check to see if we can do the temporary buoy. This may mean paying for the 'in and out' changing expense to temporarily buoy the barge. Richard will work with Dan on this. Chris suggested getting estimates from Osborne and Wattle for drop and lift. A permanent buoy will cost \$3500 to install. We cannot leave the buoy there because it is a hazard to boats.

6. Garage Sale – Brian suggests we have it earlier in the year next time... maybe in the summer. The Value Village pick-up for the school went well.

7. Chris asked about Light House access/clean up in reference to last meeting's minutes. The Light House and property around it are owned by the Coast Guard, and they have 'by water' access.

8. Brian asked about the possibility of the board pitching in to help the Marina's Haunted House project. Nicky says that should be deferred to Kate, but she is fairly certain Kate has it all under control and doesn't need help. The Haunted House will operate on Halloween (and a trial run on the prior Sunday).

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the president at 7:12 PM.