

**MEETING NOTES**  
**PIRATE HARBOR WATERWAY UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**February 12, 2014 – Regular Meeting**  
**2:00 p.m. – Public Works Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Charles Gertner, Ken Ice, Dennis McCulloch, Cathy Taylor, and LeRoi Yaffey

**Absent:** Allen Stewart, (unexcused)

**County:** Dawn Harrison and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum is present.

The minutes from November 13, 2013 were unanimously approved as written.

**Business:**

- Financial Reports – The final FY2013/2014 Budget, 3 Month Actual and Activity reports were distributed for review and discussion.
- Dredging Project – The Committee confirmed that a motion was made and approved at the last meeting to move forward with the dredge of the main channel out 2300 feet. Ms. Harrison stated that a mass mailing to all property owners is only required when the Committee is asking for a rate increase. There was extensive discussion regarding doing a mass mailing regardless of it being required and the cost it would involve. Members stated they have talked to enough property owners to feel confident the dredge would be approved by the community however; they feel the property owners would feel more involved in the decision if there was a mass mailing, instead of moving forward based solely on the Committee's decision. The proper owners would feel like they are being given a voice in the matter. It was stated that a mail out would be a waste of money. A typical return rate on a mass mailing is approximately 30%. The Committee was advised that before the project would go out to bid, the Purchasing Department would have to get approval from the BCC. Public Input would be allowed at the beginning of the BCC meeting and prior to the Commissioners vote to approve the project. Citizens would be allowed to voice any concerns at that time. Mr. Gertner made a motion to do a mass mailing to the property owners before moving forward with the dredge; the motion was seconded by Ms. Taylor and failed with a vote of 2 for and 3 opposed.
- There was discussion regarding the public not attending meetings. Ms. Harrison suggested sending out an information packet to the community to invite them to the meetings. Mr. Ice agreed to compose a letter for the POA to distribute, letting the residents know the status of things. The letter will be sent to Ms. Harrison to distribute to the members for approval prior to going to residents. The members are to communicate with Ms. Harrison not amongst themselves if they have any changes.

**Citizen Input:**

- Mr. Fleming asked for the time frame for the dredge? Ms. Harrison will follow up with Mr. Mopps for a status.
- Citizens don't want to have to have a maintenance dredge every 2-3 years to accommodate a couple of larger boats. There is no history on how long it would take for the channel to fill in because this will be a new dredge and that data is unknown at this time.

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- There was mention in the paper of a county wide blanket permit for all waterways, would this waterway be included? The blanket permit would likely include all waterways that are maintained by the County. Any waterways not maintained by the County, would not be put into the County's blanket permit.
- There was discussion regarding private dredging being very difficult. DEP is hard to deal with.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

The meeting was opened back up at 2:52 p.m.

- Election of Officers – The Committee was in agreement to have the current officers serve another year. Mr. McCulloch accepted as chair and Mr. Gertner accepted as vice.

The next meeting was changed and scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright  
Public Works Department

**CHARLOTTE COUNTY  
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION  
PIRATE HARBOR WATERWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

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