

MEMO FROM CHILMARK HARBOR

FROM: Dennis Jason, Harbormaster

TO: Board of Selectmen; Jim Malkin; Tim Carroll;

RE: Harbor boat and electrical pedestals

DATE: January 29, 2015

We received an e-mail this morning which was sent by the Executive Secretary last night asking for information about second boat that the Harbormaster is recommending be purchased. The boat would be used for monitoring moorings and the anchorage area in Menemsha Pond. We were also asked about the electrical pedestals: "what you think the town should be doing to protect the pedestals each winter."

First the pedestals: We have been communicating back and forth with Michael Parrilla, senior sales engineer at Eaton Corporation since September of 2015 about pedestals, as we research what to order for the West/Drive on dock. Eaton is a business "worldwide" providing lighting solutions for a variety of venues and locations including marine. The pedestals on the transient dock were manufactured by them. The model is the Lighthouse Stainless Steel 30/50 and we've got prices for this model configured with utilities that we feel will provide the best service for the West Dock slips. All the pedestals in the Harbor will then be the same which should provide us not only with great service but allow us to keep them all repaired because every unit will be identical.

Last fall I asked Mr. Parrilla about bags for the pedestals "to weather proof" them. He told us that not only would such an item have to be custom made but they are unnecessary. This morning I spoke with him again. He told me: "the plastic pedestals are designed and built to resist any UV degradation; the stainless steel models (which is what we have and will order) are designed to withstand all weathers unwrapped." He mentioned that they have these units installed in Alaska as well as all over the world. There is a problem in that shrink wrap could cause condensation which would cause damage.

Now the boat: We have been talking to Defender Industries about a zodiac type RIB and have been hoping that the prices would be lower for "old" inventory if we wait for a longer time. Dennis spoke to Chris at Defender this morning and was given a price for a "rigged" boat of about \$15,000; that includes an outboard. We already have an outboard which is stored at Don Edgar's – a long shaft F40LA with remote controls for a center console. Without the engine the price is for a hypalon fabric boat (which is glued together) or a PVC which is welded. Hypalon is better than PVC but PVC has benefits as well. As part of the package patches will be installed in areas subject to abrasion or chafe before the boat is delivered. The color of the boat will be red which will help to identify as the Town boat. Shipping will be additional but once here Edgar Marine will install everything necessary such as the outboard, controls and

lights. We are awaiting a quote for the boat less the outboard; I anticipate that there will be some negotiation to fit within the budget. I hope to have the figure by this afternoon as requested.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Jason