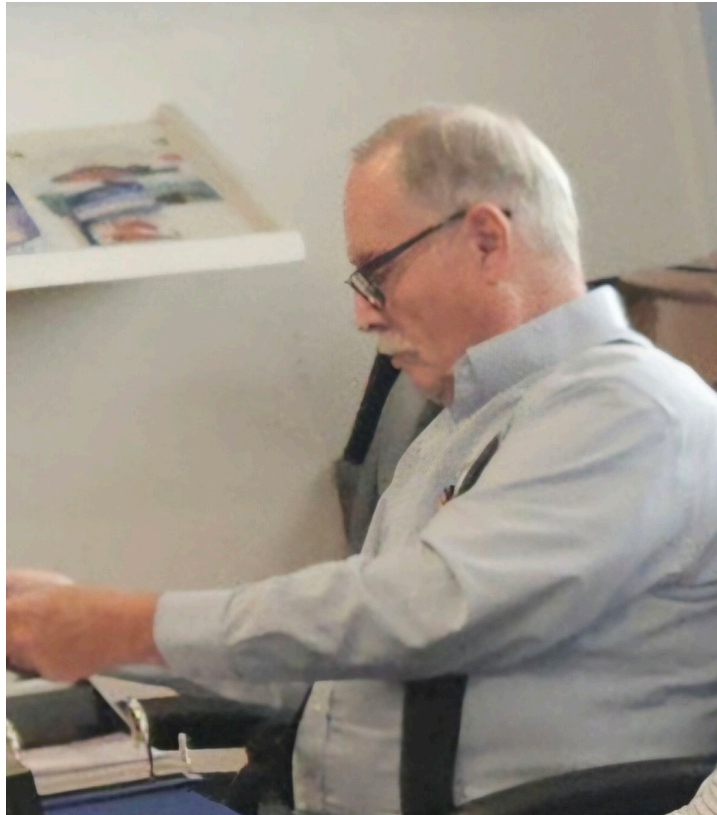


Harbor Commissioner Apologizes to the Public

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The lame duck Crescent City Harbor Commission conducted a very limited agenda at its last meeting. After appointing Mike Rademaker as Interim Harbormaster, replacing the resigned Harbormaster. Lame duckers Harry Adams, Wes White (absent from this meeting) and Brian Stone, representing the majority of the Board will participate in just two more meetings until three new commissioners are sworn in for the first meeting December 3.

In a rare move, Commissioner Brian Stone approached the public speaker dias, turned away from his colleague commissioners and faced the audience. Stone then proceeded to apologize to the modestly-sized public audience. "I want to sincerely apologize to each one of you. I'm very disappointed in a lot of actions taken (by the Harbor Commission). At the last meeting, I read a couple of emails, and pointed out Mr. Petrick (the former harbormaster) was less than forthcoming with me (on harbor issues). Petrick denied me access to harbor operations (including misuse of the Harbor credit card). Linda Sutter (candidate for Harbor Commission) brought me the information I requested. The information was first learned by me about two weeks. I apologize for not being more vocal in demanding this important information."

Stone then related the impossibility of outright firing a government employee. Stone stated when the beleaguered Harbormaster was confronted by commissioners, he tendered his resignation.

Stone said the community needs to embrace the healing process, now that a new majority of commissions will soon be sworn in. Stone then returned to his seat on the Board.

Five candidates are vying for the three open vacancies. They are Linda Sutter, Dan Schmidt, Annie Nehmer, John Evans and Devon Morgante.

The election is Tuesday, November 5.