

October 10, 2023

The Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Police Department at 5:00 p.m. First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Carol Huskes, Sandy Grimes, Michelle Davis, Jim Kading, Jay Douglas and Mark Wright were present. There were no members of the public or press present.

(1) Call to Order

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 5:05

(2) Comments from the Public

None

(3) Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Sandy and voted unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of February 28, 2017.

It was noted that meeting minutes from August 5, 2014 will be finalized with the Town Clerk as they were previously approved but the final version was never filed.

(4) Old Business

None

(5) New Business

Discussion – Introduction of Members

Members introduced themselves and shared information about their backgrounds and why they were interested in serving on this Commission.

Discussion – Selection of Officers

A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Jay and voted unanimously to appoint Jim as the Chairperson and Carol as the Recording Secretary.

Discussion – Set the 2023-2024 Meeting Schedule

After a discussion on availability of members, a motion was made Sandy, seconded by Jay and voted unanimously to approve meeting the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Stonington Police Department, if available and if not Stonington Town Hall, for the remainder of 2023 as well as 2024.

Discussion – Review the Mission of the Commission and long/short term goals

This Commission read the mission and Ordinance. After a discussion followed regarding each members views on the short- and long-term goals. These goals included looking for anyone interested in being a Harbor Master or Deputy Harbor Master. Reviewing the other existing Harbor Management Plans and Ordinances for Stonington, Mystic and Westerly, as well as the draft of the 2010 Pawcatuck Harbor Management plan.

There was a question regarding the Ordinance, section V e, where it states that the Commission would make recommendations on “proposed land and water use”. There also questions on segment VI

pertaining to the referral of proposals submitted to other municipal agencies. Danielle said she could help circle back on this for the next meeting. Under longer-term goals, the Commission discussed looking at the online mooring platform like other Commission.

Discussion – Review and plan for an update to the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Plan

Everyone committed to reading it and providing notes for the next meeting. As part of this, the Commission also agreed it would be helpful to have representative from Stonington Harbor Commission and Westerly attend the next meeting. Danielle will follow-up with Stonington and Jay confirmed he would reach out to Westerly.

(6) Comments from the Commission

Everyone commented that they were happy to be meeting again.

(7) Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:20.

Carol Huskes
Recording Secretary

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