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The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Mike Grimshaw; Randy Minor, Ethan Grimes and Alene Whipple.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read. The balance in the WFC account is $775.00. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Previous minutes
Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting as presented. Mrs. Whipple seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

Dock Area housekeeping/maintenance –
Mr. Grimshaw updated the members on the Seawell Seafood building. There were additional costs as a result of damage to the icehouse roof. Mr. Grimshaw stated they weren't certain but this damage is most likely a result of Storm Sandy. This damage wasn't visible until the construction of the neighboring building, Seawell was underway. The work is completed, members reviewed the total costs and overages. The total cost for reconstruction of the Seawell building is $70,035. Mr. Grimshaw reminded the members that as discussed at previous meetings $30,000 was to be drawn from the Town Escrow account. The remaining balance has been paid from the Wharfage account.
The Commission had approved a proposed cost of $58,750.00 with a 10% contingency or $64,625.00. The total overage is $5,410.00 with permit fees, mailings and unforeseen damage. Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to pay the balance of $5410.00 for completion of the Seawell Seafood building. Mr. Minor seconded the motion. The expenditure was approved unanimously.
Members discussed the damages from the storm and contacting the Town of Stonington regarding FEMA reimbursement.

Donahue Park – Members discussed the status of the Park and agreed all is well.

Open Space Recreation area – Resident Don Kluberdanz was present to inform the members that a new sign has appeared stating *Private Property-No Trespassing*. The sign is on the beach, which is clearly PUBLIC DOMAIN. Mr. S. Grimes stated he would speak to First Selectman George Crouse about removing the sign.

New Business – Mr. S. Grimes informed that members that he has been contacted by Keith Neilson of DOCKO regarding a proposed dock off the Open Space Recreation Area. Mr. Grimes asked Mr. Neilson to attend a Commission meeting. Members supported this.

Mr. Grimshaw informed the members of a Proposed change by the Coast Guard. They are considering discontinuing the sound signal at the Stonington Outer Breakwater Light 4. He stated that this is a necessary safety measure for the fleet especially in fog. He asked for the support of the Waterfront Commission. Mr. Minor made a motion supporting the continued use of the sound signal at the Outer Breakwater. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw informed the members that they are in Phase II of the Ground Fish program. Funds given to the Association are being used for upkeep and repairs to the Gambardella building.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to adjourn. Mr. S. Grimes seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer

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