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May 9, 2016

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Bill Bomster, Alene Whipple and Mike Grimshaw. Tucker Bragdon and Ed Dear of the Stonington Small Boat Association were present as was Spike Lobell of New England Science and Sailing.

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

Comments from the Public - None

Previous Minutes
Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2016 meeting. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded and voting was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report
This item was tabled as the Treasurer was not present.

New Business
New England Science and Sailing, NESS – Spike Lobdell thanked the Commission for allowing him to attend. He explained that NESS is a nonprofit 501© (3) ocean adventure program engaging students in experiential learning that builds confidence, teamwork and leadership skills. They have taught over 4,700 students for the full year 2015. NESS has the home base in Stonington and 6 satellite locations. He added that they are mindful that they share the channel with SNEFLA and appreciate all considerations as they address issues.
Mr. Grimes asked him to explain the plans for their dock. Mr. Lobdell stated that it will be a floating dock using the 1957 Bindless agreement. He added that the NESS Fest is scheduled for June 18. Members thanked Mr. Lobdell for attending.

Stonington Small Boat Association, SSBA – Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Dear presented their 2015 membership list, financial statement, current Certificate of Liability insurance and copy of the SSBA rules and regulations. Mr. Bragdon stated that there are currently five people waiting for a spot but they will be accommodated w/I two weeks. The work party is scheduled for Wednesday May 18th. Mr. Grimes addressed concerns voiced last year regarding nonmembers using the launch. Mr. Dear stated that this launch is listed as a CT public access site; it is not however listed as such with the DEP. The Commission asked that the SSBA put up a sign informing public that the launch is USE AT OWN RISK site.

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2016 Blessing of the Fleet –Mr. Grimes stated that the Blessing is scheduled for July 31st. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to approve St. Mary's Church use of the Town Dock park site for a Family celebration. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

- Dock Area Housekeeping – Ongoing
- Maintenance/Repairs – Line Painting - Mrs. Packer informed the members that it is necessary to submit a request to the Police Commission for approval for the line painting at the dock. Members discussed and provided a drawing of areas that are of great concern for safety, as well as more detailed parking lines. All members agreed that proper signage is needed as well.
- Donahue Park – Mr. Grimshaw stated that it appears that riff raff is frequenting the area lately. Members agreed to watch closely.

Correspondence

Mr. Grimshaw informed the Commission that SNEFLA has hired Attorney Mark Kepple with regard to the Lindy Inc. boat fire at the dock. He added that he has been informed that the Insurance deductible is being taken out of reimbursement to the Association. Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve payment of $1500.00 from the Wharfage Account for legal fees, Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Donald Kluberdanz was sworn in as a new member of the Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer

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