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May 11, 2015

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; Bill Bomster; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan and Ethan Grimes.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tabled

**Previous minutes**
Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting as presented. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Old Business**
Dock Area housekeeping/maintenance –
Mr. Grimshaw stated that there had been a minor fire at the fishing dock. He said there is increased activity due to the nicer weather and has alerted the Town regarding this. There are no maintenance issues at this time.

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

Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan stated that the Stonington Small Boat Association has a planned cleanup for this coming Wednesday.

Open Space Area rules -
Attorney Mike Bonnano was present. Mr. Grimes provided the members with a printout of items addressed at the Department of Environmental Protection Meeting with Town officials. (Attached)

**New Business**
Jane Meiser, Executive Director of the LaGrua Center was present to discuss with the members a planned summer music festival. *Stonington Sounds* is a free outdoor music festival with concerts happening in various indoor/outdoor locations in the Borough. It is to be held Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. She added that all concerts would be open to the public and free of charge. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to approve Stonington Sounds. Mr. Bomster seconded and all members unanimously supported the event.

Mr. Grimshaw addressed the parking and traffic lines at the Dock. There is a definite urgency to get the parking and truck lines painted. Members agreed that the curb should be yellowed in caution areas and proper signage is needed. Mr. S. Grimes stated he would contact the Director of Public Works.

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Correspondence from the Stonington Village Improvement Association requesting permission to use the Town Dock fields on Saturday mornings from May 23rd to October 24 of 2015 for the 17th Stonington Farmers market. The market will feature approximately 25-30 Connecticut farmers and vendors. Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve the Farmers Market for 2015. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion.

Mr. Grimshaw informed the members of a new DEP Consumer Protection agency currently assessing the dock buildings. He did not have complete information at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bomster seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer

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DEEP MEETING

Attending: Crouse, Callahan, Olson, Deledda, 2 DEEP Officials

Meeting with DEEP-Summary

- DEEP inspected the rock structures that bound the property and DEEP agreed with CIRMA that they present a great liability to the town.

- Definition of mean high water appears to be on neighbor's northeast property seawall, but DEEP official who defines this would have to come to verify it.

- DEEP does not want steps to water in northeast corner.

- DEEP does require, if steps are built, ADA compliant and at the western end with an accessible ramp (that was the DEEP suggestion).

- General ramp estimate $50,000.00 to $75,000.00 by DEEP. Many phases of permitting needed: no money in this year's 2015-2016 budget for this.

- Side note: Neighbor to northeast has applied for a dock permit.