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The Waterfront Commission held a special meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman, Randy Minor, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Bill Bomster, Alene Whipple, Mike Grimshaw and Ethan Grimes.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

New Business
Town Finance Director Jim Sullivan was present to review the status of the following:

Underground Storage Tank replacement – He provided a budgetary estimate to remove and replace one 20,000 gallon steel UST (Diesel) at the Town Dock of $215,000. Mr. Sullivan stated that there is roughly two to three more years on the tank based on the state mandate. Mr. Grimshaw asked who provided the estimate. Mr. Sullivan said he received the estimate from the Director of Public Works, Barbara McKrell but did not know how the estimate was determined.

Mr. Grimshaw stated the he and the Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association Board have discussed the possibility of an above ground tank for cost savings but they are concerned about possible neighboring residents issues. Members discussed the legalities of an above ground tank, as well as possible grants to help with the cost.

Electrical Conduits – Mr. Sullivan stated that the sagging wires have recently been brought to his attention. SNS Electric has provided an estimate to repair of $10,000. Members informed Mr. Sullivan that this has been a problem since the Town oversaw the electrical installation five plus years ago. They all agreed it is most likely too late to go after company that used improper materials. Mr. Grimshaw stated that the hangars are being made at this time. All present agreed that the next step is to correct the hazardous situation but were unsure of who should ultimately pay for the repair.

Town dock fire – Mr. Sullivan informed the members that the Town insurance company (The Hartford) has sent an investigator adding that the State is also investigating the cause of the fire. The Town will pay the deductible of $25,000, then The Hartford will go after the responsible party . He added that he went before the Board of Finance on December 8 requesting a bid waiver for repairs to keep the process moving forward. After discussuion, he stated that The Hartford has been in contact with Ocean Marine, the Boat owners insurance company.

There was lengthy discussion regarding fire coverage for the dock. All present reviewed the SNEFLA Lease with the Town and all agreed that the Schedule A description needs to be more clearly defined.
Mr. Sullivan stated he will contact Ocean Marine on the status of the claim. If Boat owners are responsible for fire, their insurance will pay for dock repairs and work can begin as soon as possible.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bomster seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer

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