

March 8, 2023

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at 6:00 p.m. Members in attendance were Sandy Grimes, Michael Grimshaw, Bob Guzzo and Gene Pfeifer.

Ms. Dinwoodie , Ethan Grimes and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan were absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Comments from the Public – None**

**Treasurer's Report** - As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is \$1500.00. Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Guzzo seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Previous Minutes** – Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Old Business –**

Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw reported that Seawell Seafood is the new owner of the Gambardella fish house. Ted Whipple has done extensive cleanup and restoration at the property. He also reported that the Sector loan is still unsigned. The Association has hired Attorney Nick Kepple to represent them at the closing.

Congressman Joe Courtney came to the dock after they were awarded a \$900,000 grant for repairs to the North dock.

Mrs. Packer presented Repairs and Maintenance invoices from the SNEFLA bookkeeper that need approval: 2022 - \$22,086.45; 2023 - \$1,713.75. Mr. Guzzo made a motion to approve a transfer from the Wharfage account to the Working account for payment of submitted invoices. Mr. Pfeifer seconded and voting was unanimous.

Members discussed reaching out to House Representative Aundre Bumgardner regarding Town waterways.

Ice Machine update – No updates.

Donahue Park – All looks good.

Town Dock Fishing Fleet signage - Mrs. Packer informed the members that she was contacted by Lisa Konicki of the Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce regarding an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant of \$1,500. This is to be used towards expenses related to producing and marketing the Blessing of the Fleet. Mrs. Packer also discussed using these funds towards historical and educational signage at the dock or on the green for Blessing of the Fleet attendees.

After discussion, Mrs. Konicki also shared information about requesting signage on the highway by contacting the CT Department of Transportation. Mr. Pfeifer took information provided to Mrs. Packer for follow-up

and hopefully procure necessary application requirements.

### **New Business**

Discussion items – Mr. Grimshaw stated that the bookkeeper has been unable to locate bill for electricity used for Lobster Trap Christmas Tree on the green. He asked Mr. Grimes to contact Finance office at Town Hall.

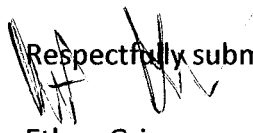
Mrs. Packer informed the members that the Selectman's office has been working with the Town attorney regarding absent Commission member Raevenn Dinwoodie. There has been no reply to numerous calls and correspondence. Hopefully spot will be opened in early April so that seat can be filled.

Stonington Small Boat Association representatives will be invited to April meeting to present Annual report.

### **Correspondence**

Letter of support to First Selectman Chesebrough for funding to assist the Town of Stonington with the creation of a Riverfront Park in Pawcatuck, CT., specifically the "Circus Lot".

There being no further business to become before the Commission, Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Guzzo seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ethan Grimes

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