

April 12, 2023

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

Ms. Dinwoodie 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 \$1086.80. Ms. Guzzo made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Grimshaw seconded and voting was unanimous.

Previous Minutes – Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Old Business –

Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw informed the Commission that he and Mr. Guzzo are no longer on the Board of Directors for the Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association. Members discussed going forward, Mrs. Packer suggested asking the newly appointed Board of SNEFLA submit a written report of Maintenance and Repairs or attend the meeting.

Mrs. Packer presented invoice of \$1,674.80 for repair to North Dock- Installation of new fiberglass weatherproof enclosure for off shore power. It was indicated on the invoice that damage was caused by a boat that left without unplugging the power cord. After discussion by members, it was determined that per Rules of the dock, this does not meet the guidelines to be paid out of the Wharfage account. Payment was denied and tabled until more information was received.

Donahue Park – All looks good.

Town Dock Fishing Fleet signage - Mr. Pfeifer reported that he has met with CT State Representative Aundre Bumgardener. He is prepared to file the necessary forms with the State next week. He had also prepared a great historical write up on the Town dock. Members discussed the rules, specific criteria and questions to assist Mr. Pfeifer complete application

needed for approval. One requirement is to join the CTVISIT.com website. Members discussed possible names (Stonington Fishing Fleet or Historical Town Dock) for signage on Route 1 and going into the Borough. Mr. E. Grimes suggested presenting to SNEFLA to get their feedback. Next SNEFLA meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2023.

New Business-

- Stonington Small Boat Association – were not present

Discussion items –

Damage to Sealife by windfarms

Mrs. Packer informed the members that an agenda item on the Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for tonight was an action item for appointment to available position on the Waterfront Commission.

Chairman Grimes reported that a meeting to discuss the 2023 Blessing of the Fleet is planned for April 15, 2023.

Correspondence-

- **23rd Annual Pawcatuck River Duck Race:**
Letter from Selectmen's Office of unanimous approval for use of Donahue Park on April 29, 2023 from 8:00a.m. -5:00 p.m. for the duck race.

There being no further business to become before the Commission, Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ethan Grimes

