

September 16, 2019

The Waterfront Commission held a special meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Chairman Sandy Grimes; Mike Grimshaw; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan and new member Bob Guzzo. Also present, Jason Vincent, Planning Director for the Town of Stonington.

Alene Whipple and Ethan Grimes were absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

South Pier Renovation

Mr. Vincent discussed with the members the Summary of Renovation alternatives provided by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. retained by the Town to assess pier conditions, develop renovation alternatives and design selected alternative. A summary was prepared and submitted with five alternatives.

1. No Action
2. Localized repairs
3. Stone Masonry reconstruction
4. New concrete seawall
5. New steel sheetpile bulkhead

All agreed No Action was not an option. Alternatives 2 & 3 are best with a multi-phase process. The pier can remain open to fishermen during construction, with limited disruptions. This process would restore pier offering more resiliency than existing condition. This does not add any ability to raise pier in the future with rising sea levels.

After discussion, Mr. Vincent stated the next steps would entail compiling and reviewing public comments; recommend project approach to Board of Selectmen and upon approval Stantec completes the design with a target date of January 2020. He added it is necessary to seek funding to implement the project.

Mr. Grimes asked Mr. Vincent to contact Scott Bates for possible grant options. Mr. Vincent stated that additional information would be helpful in the grant process, such as number of boats, jobs provided at dock, number of fish caught, etc. He added that contacting the U.S. Department of Agriculture could be helpful.

At this time, members brought Mr. Vincent up to speed with fuel tank situation. It is getting increasingly costly to all boats with current status. Fuel tank must be removed.

Previous Minutes – Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting as presented. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded, and voting was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Guzzo made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'HA' followed by a stylized flourish.

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