

September 8, 2020

The Waterfront Commission held a special virtual meeting on this date at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Chairman Sandy Grimes; Mike Grimshaw; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Eugene Pfeifer. Bob Guzzo called in.

Mr. Ethan Grimes was absent.

Alene Whipple has not sought reappointment and is no longer a member of the Commission effective 06/30/2020.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm.

**Comments from the Public** – None

**Treasurer's Report** – As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is \$1700.00. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Grimshaw seconded, and voting was unanimous.

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

#### **Old Business**

- Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw reported that there was roof damage to icehouse. They are currently getting estimates. All other projects are ongoing.
- Fuel tank replacement -update –The boats are still working with BEST Energy and getting lower fuel prices. There was an issue with overfill, there was no overflow, but it needs to be addressed. The SNEFLA has not received any invoice for their portion of the project from the Town for the 12,000-gallon, 30-year tank.
- Donahue Park – Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan mentioned work being done on his property by Jim Lathrop near Donahue Park. It has enhanced the area and looks great.

#### **New Business**

- Mystic River Boathouse Park commission members have asked for a letter of support from the Waterfront members. Members did not feel comfortable without supporting documentation. Mr. Grimes stated he would speak with the First Selectman.
- Members discussed the Stonington Small Boat Association request for more space to expand. They are not in support of this and Mr. Grimes stated he has informed the First Selectman. They discussed public use of the property and it was agreed that they would investigate the original agreement. Mentioned inviting Tucker Bragdon to attend October meeting.
- Mr. Grimshaw stated that he would like to add **Historic Town Dock** to the signage, both on the highway and upon entering the Borough.
- Mr. Grimshaw added that the SNEFLA would rather get grant funding to work on much needed current issues that need attention, prior to South Dock expansion. He stated he was contacted by Colleen of the Dept. of Environmental Protection regarding COVID monies for the SNEFLA, she asked him for best ways to disperse funds. He wonders if landside services apply, particularly the ice machine and pilings. Mr. Grimes stated that the First Selectman mentioned that grants are available.
- Parking in dock lot is a problem. Some vehicles appear to be parked long term.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ethan Grimes /s/**

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