

December 8, 2020

The Waterfront Commission held a special virtual meeting on this date at 6:30 p.m. Members signed on were Chairman Sandy Grimes; Mike Grimshaw; Ethan Grimes and Gene Pfeifer.

Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan signed on late and Mr. Guzzo was absent.

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

Treasurer's Report – As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is \$1175.00. Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. E. Grimes seconded, and voting was unanimous.

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

Old Business

- Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw presented an invoice of \$20,375 for payment to JBH Construction and Sons LLC to repair and replace drainage trenches in Gambardella building. Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to approve payment from the Wharfage/Dock Improvement Account to the Dock Working Account for these repairs totaling \$20,375. Mr. Grimshaw seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw reported that McGugan is now fixing the pilings on dock, adding that Mr. Guzzo has met with the First Selectman regarding additional work needed at the dock which included an aerial view.

Mr. Grimshaw reported that the Association has investigated costs for a new ice machine. They are currently unsure of best route. Mr. E. Grimes asked if they have several estimates to which Mr. Grimshaw replied yes, but these do not include installation.

- Historic Town Dock signage – State and Local – Nothing to report. Mr. Pfeifer suggested contacting Heather Somers to offer some guidance.
- Donahue Park – Members discussed construction and rehab going on around park but due to season activity in park is diminished considerably.

New Business –

- Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget – Mrs. Packer reported that she had submitted an 2021-2022 Budget request with no changes, other than an updated budget commentary based on completed projects and objectives for coming year. Members discussed a salary increase for the Secretary. Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to increase the monthly salary for Waterfront Commission Clerical services to \$175.00 a month. Mr. E. Grimes seconded, and voting was unanimous.
- Open Spot – Chairman Grimes reported that RaeVen Kelly Dinwoodie has applied for the open spot on the Commission. The Board of Selectman will be reviewing the application on December 9, 2020.

At this time, Chairman Grimes brought to the members attention a letter submitted to the First Selectman from Joe Rendeiro. Mr. Rendeiro has taken issue with a memorial bench placed at the end of the North Dock near the Fisherman's Memorial. The bench is a personal dedication to Arthur Medeiros, a long-time fisherman and esteemed past President of the Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association. After discussion, members unanimously agreed that the memorial bench in honor of Mr. Medeiros is in a just and perfect location and are not in favor of removal.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Grimes /s/

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