

Stonington Harbor Management Commission September 13, 2021 Minutes by (Melanie Degler, Secretary)



1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attending: Chairman Spalding, Treasurer Crites, Secretary Degler, Vice Chairman Diggs, Commissioners Gimple, MacKinnon, Smith and Williams, and Deputy Harbormaster Estabrooks Not in Attendance: Commissioner Rose and Harbormaster Donch

2. Minutes: The Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the August 2021 Minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

ACTION ITEM #1: Harbormaster Donch and Vice Chairman Diggs will investigate the repair versus trading in the Harbormaster Boat for a new vessel with the same boat builder due to recently found issues, need for door and window replacement and age of the vessel. The fairly new motor, electronics and tow bar would be transferred to a new vessel.

3. Public Comment: There was none.

4. Correspondence:

In Jurisdiction:

COP Application for Andrews-90 Water Street, Boro - The revised application was reviewed which included the suggested Commission and DEEP recommendations. There were no further concerns with the revised application as submitted. Acceptance of the submittal is consistent with the SHMC Plan. Commissioner MacKinnon made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

Out of Jurisdiction: There was none.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for August 2021 was reviewed and attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Commissioner MacKinnon seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

6. Harbormaster's Report:

The Harbormaster's Report for September 2021 was reviewed and attached to these minutes. Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the Harbormaster's Report as presented. Commissioner MacKinnon seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

ACTION ITEM #2: Harbormaster Donch will contact all mooring holders who still have Winter Sticks on their moorings to determine removal issue and whether their mooring permit will be

revoked for non-use.

7. Old Business:

- 1. Online Mooring Update Secretary Degler gave an update on her work with Online Moorings (OLM).
 - a. Waitlist is now at 155 down from original 244.
 - b. Two new Waitlist Applications were approved, and new fees were paid online with credit card.
 - c. The new Waitlist Renewal bills with the new \$25 annual fee will be sent to all Waitlist applicants on 9-15-21 automatically through Online Mooring.
 - d. The nine deferred Waitlist Applicants were contacted to confirm their desire for a 2022 mooring.
 - i. Eight have confirmed their interest.
 - ii. One individual has not returned multiple emails, Secretary Degler will contact by phone and if no reply, will be removed from Waitlist.
 - e. Secretary Degler will be training the Office Manager at Don's Dock to enter all their inspection data going forward.
- 2. SHMP Revision Status Reviewed the Plan. Commissioners Smith and Williams compared our plan to other area plans. The decision was made to submit the current Plan with Commissioner Smith to correct all typos and send to Chairman Spalding for submission to DEEP.

8. New Business:

A lengthy discussion was held to offer more public access to the Harbor. Consideration was given to
expanding the current dinghy dock and add a second dinghy dock to the Harbormaster dock. Further
discussion to establish a subcommittee to investigate the former Boro Dog Park property for a public
access/ dinghy dock area.

ACTION ITEM #3: Chairman Spalding will contact the Town Hall to determine ownership status of the Dog Park and whether this is a viable option for Harbor public access.

ACTION ITEM #4: Chairman Spalding will add the following topics to the October agenda:

- 1. Expansion of the dinghy dock and the Harbormaster pier.
- 2. Future launch service options for the Harbor.
- 3. Establish a sub-committee to pursue more public access to the Harbor.
- Secretary Degler will purchase a weather-tight brochure box to have placed at the Dinghy Dock to place newsletters for transient boaters and others.
- October's meeting again falls on Columbus Day, so the decision was made to move the October meeting to Tuesday, October 12th as a Special Meeting. Chairman Spalding will confirm the location and notify the Town Clerk.

9. Adjournment: Chairman Spalding adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm.

Approved:	Jay Spolding	Date: _	18 October 2021
	Jay Spalding-Chairman SHMC		

Attachments:

- Treasurer's Report
- Harbormaster's Report

Treasurer's Report

	Plan	Jun	Jul	Aug		YTD	P	robable
Funds Generated:	200000000000000000000000000000000000000							
Balance Brought Forward:	10,799	16,283.04	13,397.45	14,358.67		10,798.62		10,798.62
Paid Moorings: Com/Pvt/Spc:	128/275/14	0/91/0	0/64/15	0/0/0		128/270/15		128/270/1
Mooring Fees:	26,830	4,550.00	3,380.00	0.00	-	26,480.00		28,000.00
Wait List Fees	0	0.00	500.00	0.00	-	500.00		5,000.00
Miscellaneous Income:	200	0.00	0.00	0.00	-	0.00		700.00
Total Generated Funds:	37,829	20,833.04	17,277.45	14,358.67		37,778.62		44,498.62
Operating Expense:								
Mooring Admin:								
Mailings:	300					0.00		0.00
Telephone:		_	_	30.48		30.48		0.00
Online Mooring	5,000	502.82	485.84	85.62		5,115.98		6,000.00
Miscellaneous:				5,000.12		5,050.12	,	5,050.12
Sub-Total:	5,300	502.82	485.84	5,116.22		10,196.58		11,050.12
Boat:								
Fuel & Oil:	200	_	87.50	103.56		322.61		350.00
Commissioning:	2,500	1,426.00				2,656.00		2,656.00
Storage:	0					0.00		0.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	1,000	_	_			0.00		1,000.00
Equipment:	250	78.77	490.06	27.78		941.48	_	1,000.00
Sub-Total:	3,950	1,504.77	577.56	131.34		3,920.09		5,006.00
Harbor Maintenance:								
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	6,000		1,812.81			5,898.57		11,000.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	500					0.00		500.00
Adjust Grid Allignment	500				-	0.00		0.00
Signage:	0					39.66	_	0.00
Sub-Total:	7,000	0.00	1,812.81	0.00		5,938.23	1	11,500.00
Dock/Pumpout:								
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	300				-	0.00		0.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:					-	0.00		0.00
Miscellaneous					-	0.00		0.0
Sub-Total:	300	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00		0.00
Administrative:								
Supplies:	0				-	0.00		0.00
Newsletter:	3,000				-	2,929.19		2,929.19
Professional Services:	700		42.57	1,132.10	-	1,387.52		1,387.52
Sub-Total:	3,700	0.00	42.57	1,132.10		4,316.71		4,316.71
Total Operating Expense:	20,250	2,007.59	2,918.78	6,379.66	7	24,371.61	7	31,872.83
Approved Projects/Capital								
New SNW Buoys	10,000	3.000.00		5,610.00	-	8.610.00		8,610.00
New Anchorage Buoys	5,000				-	0.00		0.0
New Channel Buoy	5,000	2,428.00		1,530.00	-	3,958.00		3,958.0
Addition to Boat Reserve	0				-	0.00		0.0
Public Access Improvement	0				-	0.00		0.0
Approved Projects/Capital	20,000	5,428.00	0.00	7,140.00		12,568.00		12,568.0
Total Designated Funds	40,250	7,435.59	2,918.78	13,519.66	,	36,939.61	. "	44,440.8
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Undesignated Funds:	(2,421)	13,397.45	14,358.67	839.01		839.01		57.79
Notes:	200							300.0
Petty Cash Advance	300							300.00
HM Replacement Boat Reserve	30,000							30,000.0
Public Access Reserve	10,000							10,000.0

Harbormaster Report

September 13, 2021

New Mooring permits issued: 0 Moorings being given up (this month): 0

New Mooring assignments in the works: 2

Deposits to SHMC account since last report: S 1220 2021 YTD = S 28,200

Special Olympics was held as a one day event this year due to covid restrictions. Held Saturday, September 11. All went well with excellent sailing conditions.

USCG ATON (Aids to Navigation) group does not approve of the new "Green 21" buoy that we installed at Pawcatuck point. According to USCG, we can not mix a "private" ATON with the lateral channel markers that are federally installed. Their initial call is that we need to replace the green buoy with a white "ROCK" buoy. I am trying to reach the program owner in Boston to find a solution to this issue.

The new "Slow, No Wake" area around the west end of Sandy Point is working well. Compliance is very good.

I received feedback from mooring holders that due to the lack of channel markers in the upper harbor, many vessels from marinas and clubs at north end of harbor have been cutting through the mooring field and creating a wake issue. I have spent evenings patrolling that area and coaching many boaters. The Wadawanuck club also put out a notice to it's members to use the channel even though the markers are not there. I will work with DEEP to figure out a solution to restoring the red and green channel markers.

I ask all commissioners who provided mooring inspections to please provide a short summary of the apparently unused moorings in your section. I will contact these mooring holders to determine why they are unused and whether they will be renewed for 2022.

Wait list renewals are being sent out Sept 15. Commissioner Degler is spearheading this with Online Mooring.

Robert G

Structural cracks have developed where hardtop blends to house structure. I will contact the builder to see if he wants to do repairs. If he does, My intent would be to bring boat to him upon hauling for season. He can then do cabin hatch, side window replacement, and needed fiberglass repairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch Stonington Harbormaster