June 8, 2022

The Waterfront Commission held a meeting on this date at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Michael Grimshaw, Bob Guzzo, Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Ethan Grimes and Gene Pfeifer.

Ms. Dinwoodie was absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Comments from the Public — None

Treasurer’s Report — As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is $1244.78. Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report as read. Mr. Guzzo seconded, and voting was unanimous.

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

Old Business

- Dock Area Housekeeping/ Maintenance & repairs — Mr. Grimshaw reported that the Town Public Works department has completed paving of main entrance road and Parking lot of Town dock. He added that he has spoken with Public Works about getting Dog waste bags and receptacles for the dock area but have not received yet. Safety signage has not been installed either. There is considerable activity after 9:00 p.m. and signage is necessary for added protection of all. Chairman Grimes stated he would contact Barbara McKrell, Public Works Director regarding the signage.

- Donahue Park — Mr. Grimshaw stated he recently visited the park and witnessed people jumping off deck and swimming in river. Members discussed the May 12, 2022 article in the New London Day regarding Selectwomen approving new times at the park; a sunset to sunrise closure each day to conform with other parks in town.

- Dock Signage — Members discussed their disappointment that nothing is happening with this request. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan mentioned she would contact Liz Wood of the Historical Society for assistance.

New Business

Mrs. Packer informed the Commission of the Stonington Fresh initiative in support of Fishing fleet to be presented to SNEFLA at their June meeting.

Mr. Grimshaw voiced his concern regarding parking for the Gardens by the Sea tours this weekend. He was provided with Tour VP Kirby Williams contact information.
Members discussed renaming of SSBA launch *Bragdons Landing* after long term SSBA President Tucker Bragdon. Nothing has progressed since last meeting.

Members discussed wind farms.

Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan stated she would like to initiate talks about getting a dog park created for Stonington residents.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Ms. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethan Grimes