

March 9, 2015

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Mike Grimshaw; Bill Bomster; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan and Alene Whipple. Also present, First Selectman George Crouse, Stonington Small Boat Association members Tucker Bragdon and Ed Dear and Stonington Borough Warden Jeff Callahan.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Treasurer's Report** – Mr. Bomster made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$700.00. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **Previous minutes**

Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as presented. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **New Business**

- Fence at Open Space area

Mr. Crouse provided for the members correspondence from Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) in reference to the rock seawall at the Open space area adjacent to the waste water treatment plant. The letter addresses the potential hazards. A six step risk management process was used to define associated risks and develop recommendations to reduce or eliminate the potential for catastrophic loss. The recommendation is to install a fence along the seawall to prevent individuals from climbing and walking on the rocks. Mr. Crouse informed the members that he was providing this at the time as a notification. He suggested a committee to discuss rules, plans and uses of the Open Space comprised of both Town and Borough staff. He added that Borough Warden Jeff Callahan has jurisdiction. Mr. Grimes explained to Messrs. Crouse and Callahan the Waterfront Commissions lengthy involvement with this subject. A discussion ensued as to where exactly a fence would start and end as the sea wall extends along a large area of the waterfront. Mr. Crouse stated that this would be determined by the committee. It was agreed that Mr. Callahan would attend the April Waterfront Commission meeting to start the planning process.

- Spellman sign

Mr. Grimes stated that both the Waterfront Commission and the Southern New England Fishermen's and Lobstermen's Association have agreed to a definitive location for the sign but he stated that Steve Spellman isn't satisfied. Mr. Crouse offered placing the sign at Town Hall with a memorial to honor James Spellmans' service to the Town. Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve placing the Spellman sign in the Town Hall. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded and voting was unanimous. It has been confirmed that the sign is currently at the Highway garage.

- **Stonington Small Boat Association**

Ed Dear and Tucker Bragdon, President were present at the request of the Commission to provide the 2015 membership list, 2014 financial report, current SSBA rules and Certificate of Liability insurance. Members unanimously approved the renewal of the three year lease agreement between the Town of Stonington Waterfront Commission and the Stonington Small Boat Association. The term being April 2015 through March 31, 2018. Members discussed use of the SSBA launch area and the restriction of Commercial activity. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan stated she had spoken with the owner of Waveology, an outfit that uses the area sporadically and suggested a donation to the SSBA.

### **Old Business**

#### Dock Area housekeeping/maintenance –

Messrs. Grimshaw and Bomster reported that work is completed on the dock buildings. They discussed reimbursement from the Town and Borough for building fees.

Donahue Park – Members discussed the status of the Park and agreed all is well.

#### **New Business –**

Mr. Grimshaw stated that he had been contact by a Ferry boat company requesting to use the Town dock as an emergency stop. Members discussed that the boat would most likely run during the busy times at the dock and if it was due to a storm they agreed there wasn't enough space or protection.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Bomster made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hayes-Houliahn seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
Ethan Grimes  
Vice Chair/Treasurer