

May 8, 2017

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room, Stonington, CT. Members present were Chairman Sandy Grimes; Mike Grimshaw; Bill Bomster and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

**Comments from the Public** – None

**Stonington Small Boat Association annual update** – Tucker Bragdon and Ed Dear were present to provide the Commission with the current Membership, 2016 financial report and a current Certificate of Liability Insurance for the small boat storage and launch space. A clean up work party is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. The current 3 year lease expires March 2018. Mr. Bragdon mentioned that this is the 50<sup>th</sup> summer for the Small Boat Association. Mr. Bomster made a motion to accept the SSBA Annual report. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report** – This item was tabled.

**Previous Minutes**

Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Mr. Bomster seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Old Business**

- Dock Area Housekeeping- Mr. Grimshaw reported that Town Finance Director Jim Sullivan asked for a clean up of the west side of the dock. Apparently there are possible combustibles next to the fuel tank.
- Fuel tank update – the timeline has been extended based on minutes and data from last replacement. The 30 year expiration would place deadline in 2019. Members discussed fuel purchasing.
- Maintenance/Repairs – Refrigeration is almost completed on the cooler at Gambardellas. Mr. Bomster stated that the Association will need to make a decision soon regarding the rent reduction to Mike Gambardella. Mr. Grimshaw added that Mr. Gambardella has been very active keeping on the politicians regarding regulations on the fish quotas.
- Donahue Park –all looks good, no negative activity to report.

- Port Authority Grant –Mr. Grimes stated he will see Scott Bates to check on the status. He added that the Stonington Harbor Management Commission request for the breakwater is still in the running for the grant funds.

**New Business** – Members discussed the unanimous decision by the Water Pollution Control Authority to support a plan by Greenskies to install solar panels at the borough sewer plant. The installation would encompass almost all of the enclosed grassy area surrounding the plant. A buffer of trees has been proposed to screen the panels from view. The gates have been locked at the property while the plan is being finalized.

Mr. Grimes mentioned he contacted the First Selectman regarding the requested modification of the SNEFLA lease agreement to increase expenditure approval to \$1000.00. adding that he was in support of the motion by the WFC at the April meeting.

**Correspondence - None**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Bomster made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Sandy Grimes*  
Ethan Grimes  
Vice Chair/Treasurer