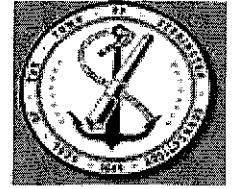


Stonington Harbor Management Commission



June 11, 2018

Minutes by *(Melanie Degler, Secretary)*

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Attending: Commissioners Anderson, Crites, Degler, Johnstone, MacKinnon, O'Neill, Rose, Smith, Harbormaster Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Estabrooks

Absent: Commissioner Diggs

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the May 14, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Acceptance of the May minutes were so moved by Commissioner Crites and seconded by Commissioner MacKinnon, and approved unanimously.

Action Items from last month's meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Action Item #1: Harbormaster Donch contacted Smith Cove Yacht Club (Sturbridge, MA) in May 2018 to inquire of their interest in a mooring, how they plan to use the mooring and if their use complies with the intent of the assigned moorings within Stonington Harbor. He is awaiting their call back.

Action Item #2: Commissioner Johnstone reviewed Whalen's Wharf deed and the 2008 Stonington Right of Way Report. The commission agreed to the concept of a Public Dinghy Dock at Whalen's Wharf. Commissioners O'Neill and Diggs will suggest the concept at the Borough Town meeting on 6/18/18.

3. Correspondence:

A. In Jurisdiction: Mooring renewals, special purpose mooring payments and marina statements were received by the commission.

- A letter from prior commission member, Jean Dixon, was reviewed (attached). The Commissioners agreed to refer her letter to the Stonington Waterfront Commission.

B. Out of Jurisdiction: None

4. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for May 2018 was reviewed and is attached to these minutes.

Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and approved unanimously.

6. Harbormaster's Report:

The Report for May 2018 was discussed and is attached to these minutes.

Action Item #3: Harbormaster Donch will compile a list of all current mooring holders who have not submitted their renewal applications for the 2018 season. He will provide the Commissioners lists of their respective area assigned moorings, to contact these mooring holders as to their status for the 2018 season, before July's meeting.

Action Item #4: Harbormaster Donch will install the Slow, No Wake Sign on Sandy Point this month.

Action Item #5: Harbormaster Donch will install the new fender onto the Commission Dock to replace the current, damaged fender.

Acceptance of the Harbormaster Report was moved by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- A. Newsletter Distribution – Commissioners Diggs and Degler placed copies of the newsletters at various locales and marinas in the Borough, Town Hall and Pawcatuck. More newsletters have been requested by Fort Rachel Marine, Elihu Island and Salt Acres. Commissioner Smith and Harbormaster Donch will deliver copies this month. Commissioner Degler will also deliver copies to Connors & O'Brien Marina in Pawcatuck and the new Mechanic Street Marina, also in Pawcatuck.
- B. Stonington Harbor Breakwater Renovation
- Commissioner O'Neill provided an update from the recent meeting with the Town and conversations with the CT Port Authority.
 - CT Port Authority has agreed to Docko, Inc. as the sole source for the project.
 - We are currently waiting for the CT Port Authority to approve the revised SOW for Docko, Inc., including their request to have two public meetings for the proposed renovation.
 - The Town of Stonington has relayed SHMC will be solely responsible for this project going forward.
 - CT Port Authority has informally agreed to the transfer of extra funds within the project for construction use and/or other pier project needs.
- C. SHMC placement on next Stonington Town Meeting Agenda for the Slow No Wake Buoys request.

Action Item #6: Chairman Spalding contacted the Town as to when the SHMC can be on the next agenda to discuss a change in the ordinance for Slow No Wake Buoys and was told there is no Town meeting currently scheduled and not likely to be until the fall. Chairman Spalding will continue to follow-up with the town.

Action Item #7: Harbormaster Donch contacted Mr. Will Mackay for placement of moorings in Wequetequock Cove for use with his oyster harvesting business. Harbormaster Donch is awaiting Mr. Mackay's reply with the latitude and longitude numbers.

8. New Business:

- A. A closed Executive Session was held to discuss A Loss of Mooring Appeal. The Commission agreed to renew the individual's mooring permit for the 2018 Boating Season, with stipulations to be completed by June 30, 2018.
- B. NESS will be providing Harbor Tours and more summer classes with their newly purchased 19' Carolina Skiff tour-style powerboat.
- C. NESS will be holding a Fishing Tournament in the Harbor and outer breakwater areas on Saturday, 8/11/2018 from 8am to 12 noon. Further details can be obtained from NESS directly.

9. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment:

Commissioner Smith moved the meeting be adjourned, Commissioner MacKinnon seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 16 July 2018
Jay Spalding - Chairman SHMC

Attachments:

- 1. Treasurer's Report
- 2. Harbormaster's Report
- 3. Jean Dixon Letter

1. Treasurer's report

Report Date 6/11/2018

	Plan	Mar	Apr	May	YTD	Probable
<u>Funds Generated:</u>						
Balance Brought Forward:	16,602	14,999.05	19,999.05	34,920.08	16,601.74	16,601.74
Paid Moorings: Com/Pvt/Pub:	128/252/9	2/96/0	123/63/0	0/44/0	125/207/0	128/242/9
Mooring Fees:	25,580	5,000.00	15,450.00	2,200.00	22,850.00	25,080.00
Miscellaneous Income:	100	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total Generated Funds:	42,282	19,999.05	35,649.05	37,120.08	39,651.74	41,881.74
<u>Operating Expense:</u>						
Mooring Admin:						
Mailings:	500				389.45	500.00
Telephone:	0				0.00	0.00
Computer Sftwr:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	369.45	500.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	400				162.25	400.00
Commissioning:	2,000			790.00	790.00	2,000.00
Storage:	200				0.00	200.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	250				31.88	250.00
Equipment:	1,000		548.97		1,409.04	1,500.00
Sub-Total:	3,850	0.00	548.97	790.00	2,393.17	4,350.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	9,600		180.00	450.00	1,009.04	9,600.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	300				0.00	300.00
Grid Maintenance:	540				0.00	540.00
Signage:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	10,440	0.00	180.00	450.00	1,009.04	10,440.00
Dock/Pumpout:						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	500				0.00	500.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Administrative:						
Supplies:	0				0.00	0.00
Newsletter:	1,500			1,635.69	1,635.69	1,650.00
Professional Services:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	1,500	0.00	0.00	1,635.69	1,635.69	1,650.00
Total Operating Expense:	16,790	0.00	728.97	2,875.69	5,407.35	17,440.00
<u>Approved Projects/Capital</u>						
New Anchor/Channel Buoys Project:	10,000				0.00	10,000.00
Radar:	2,500				0.00	0.00
Public Access Study:	1,000				0.00	0.00
Total Project/Capital	13,500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total Designated Funds	30,290	0.00	728.97	2,875.69	5,407.35	27,440.00
Undesignated Funds:	11,992	19,999.05	34,920.08	34,244.39	34,244.39	14,441.74

2. Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Report

June 11, 2018

New Mooring permits issued: 0 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments in the works: 4
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0 2018 YTD = \$22800

Participated in search and rescue efforts May 28 (Memorial Day) with USCG and other vessels and aircraft for 2 missing boaters off Avery Point. Searched CT coastline RI to Pine Island (Groton) and north shore of Fishers Island. (One body has since been recovered)

Need to install "Slow, No Wake" sign at Sandy Point.

I have a new fender to install on dock to replace one that got torn and "popped" last season.

Robert G

Boat is in the water. No issues to report.

Boat will need to hauled out to apply the new "HARBORMASTER" lettering to port side and install new strobe lights. Probably late June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster

3. Jean Dixon Letter

June10, 2018

To Interested Parties:

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, I collected 100+ dead crabs from the beach on the west side of Stonington Harbor; I continue to find more everyday. They have been identified by a local marine biologist as Atlantic Deep Sea Red Crabs. I know of no recent transfer station failures or bacterial reports and must assume that they were dumped in the harbor by a crabbing boat.

This unfortunate event has several important considerations:

1. Dumping bad catch in Stonington Harbor creates stench and health issues that do not promote a healthy, enjoyable harbor environment for anyone; residents, fishermen, or visitors.
2. Vessel conditions that allow this crab kill should be addressed to avoid this unfortunate waste of marine life.

Whatever may be your responsibility in events like this, I ask that you take steps to prevent its recurrence. I've been unable to identify a person at the commercial dock to whom this letter can be given to inform our local commercial fishing community of this issue.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Dixon
860-961-
7283

Cc: Stonington Harbormaster
Stonington Harbor Commission
Stonington Shellfish
Commission