



Stonington Harbor Management Commission

August 14, 2017

Minutes (Bruce MacKinnon, Acting Secretary)



1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Attending were Chairman Spalding, Commissioners Degler, Diggs, MacKinnon, O'Neill, Rose, Smith, and Harbormaster Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Estabrooks. Absent: Commissioners Anderson, Crites, Johnstone.

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Acceptance as corrected was moved by Smith, seconded by Ms. Degler, and approved unanimously.

3. Harbor Management Plan Review:

The Commission discussed changing the date for mooring renewal from spring to fall. Harbormaster Donch advised that since the state regulations require that mooring permits expire December 31, the spring renewal is best. The commissioners agreed and saw no other need to amend the plan.

4. Correspondence:

- A. In Jurisdiction: No in jurisdiction correspondence
- B. Out of Jurisdiction: It was noted that a kelp farm permit was issued by DEEP for the area marked "Eel Grass Ground" southwest of the west breakwater.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for (July, 2017) is attached. It was reviewed.

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

6. Harbormaster's Report:

The Report for (July, 2017) is attached and was discussed.

Mr. Rose will contact the next 20 people on the waiting list to determine if they are still seeking a mooring and update their information.

Acceptance of the Report was moved by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mr. Diggs reported that the newsletter has been distributed and there is no need to print more.
- B. The municipal dock lights have been installed and are functioning.
- C. There has been no change in the status of the "Old Stonington Breakwater" renovation plan. Mr. Diggs, Mr. Crites and Mr. O'Neill will meet to discuss what steps the Commission might take regarding the renovation.
- D. SNW (Slow No Wake) enforcement: Mr. Diggs attended the Police Commission meeting in July and spoke about SNW enforcement. Police boat funding prevents increased patrols at this time but the Police Commission would like a report from Harbormaster Donch of violations over a period of time. The Police Commission appreciated Mr. Diggs input.

8. New Business:

- A. Addition of radar for the HM boat was discussed. The Commission will revisit that request at the budget meeting but at this time would like to see the HM boat and the police boat take a more active role patrolling.
- B. Mr. Donch will ensure that the current mooring and waiting lists are posted at Town Hall.
- C. Ms. Degler inquired about the unmarked rocks (old jetty?) at the east end of the channel around Osbrook Point. There is a red channel marker on the south side of the channel but no green marker at the rocks on the north side of the channel. Ms. Degler will contact the appropriate authorities to determine frequency of accidents there and if a new aid to navigation buoy might be placed by the Coast Guard.
- D. Mr Donch requested purchase of an additional GPS which would be dedicated to logging mooring and buoy locations. He believes that would facilitate the assigning and management of the mooring field and buoys (SNW, "rock" buoys, etc.) Mr. Diggs moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion the Commission approve spending up to \$500.00 for an additional GPS. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Public Comment:

There was no public comment

10. Adjournment:

Mr. Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. MacKinnon seconded and the motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 9/11/2017
Jay Spalding - Chair SHMC

Attachments:

- A. Treasurer's Report:
- B. Harbormaster's Report

Attachment A: treasurer's report

Report Date 8/04/17	Plan	May	Jun	Jul	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	5,037	17,841.13	23,692.87	22,830.59	5,037.36	5,037.36
Paid Moorings: Com/Pw/Pub:	128/285/10	16/109/0	0/32/6	0/16/3	128/231/9	128/285/10
Moorings Fees:	27,250	7,050.00	1,720.00	860.00	24,530.00	27,250.00
Miscellaneous Income:	100	350.00		0.00	350.00	350.00
Total Generated Funds:	32,387	25,241.13	25,412.87	23,690.59	29,917.36	32,637.36
Operating Expense:						
Moorings Admin:						
Mailings:	400				203.87	400.00
Telephone:	0				0.00	0.00
Computer Sftwr:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	100				0.00	100.00
Sub-Total:	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	203.87	500.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	400				146.80	400.00
Commissioning:	1,500			1,359.00	1,674.00	2,000.00
Storage:	800				0.00	800.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	500		29.98		29.98	500.00
Equipment:	1,000				0.00	1,000.00
Sub-Total:	4,200	0.00	29.98	1,359.00	1,850.78	4,700.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	2,500	588.79	1,231.09		2,710.44	3,000.00
Adjust Grid Alignment:	1,000				0.00	1,000.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	540				540.00	540.00
Signage:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	4,040	588.79	1,231.09	0.00	3,250.44	4,540.00
Dock/Pumpout:						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	250				0.00	250.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	250				0.00	250.00
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:	2,000	959.47	191.21		1,150.68	1,150.00
Professional Services:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	2,000	959.47	191.21	0.00	1,150.68	1,150.00
Total Operating Expense:	11,240	1,548.26	1,452.28	1,359.00	6,455.77	11,390.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
New SNW Buoy (1)	1,000				0.00	1,000.00
Stonington Harbor Breakwater	0				0.00	0.00
New Rock & "Hang" Buoys (2)	0		430.00		430.00	1,635.00
Municipal Dock Project	3,800		700.00		700.00	3,500.00
Total Project/Capital	3,800	0.00	1,130.00	0.00	1,130.00	5,135.00
Total Designated Funds	15,040	1,548.26	2,582.28	1,359.00	7,585.77	16,525.00
Undesignated Funds:	17,347	23,692.87	22,830.59	22,331.59	22,331.59	16,112.36
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300	August:	pwr/wtr to dock Eric expense	2,275.00 672.89	808.46		

Attachment B: Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Report
August 14, 2017

New Mooring permits issued: 1 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments in the works: 1
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 860 2017 YTD =\$ 24,880

The next 20 people on the wait list can be contacted to determine their current vessel status so that moorings can be offered this fall.

Police installed a dock box on the floating dock for storage of gear. They will remove it at the end of the season.

Lights are installed on the dock and police are very happy with the improved view of both boats at night.

Spoke with Capt. Olson. He is continuing to look for the best method to get water to the dock. The plumbing is complete from dock head to ramp.

Robert G

Boat is in water at dock. No issues to report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster