



Stonington Harbor Management Commission

October 12, 2016

Final Minutes (*J. Diggs, Acting Secretary*)



1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Spalding called the Special Meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Attending were Chairman Spalding, Commissioners Anderson, Crites, Diggs, Johnstone, Rose, and Harbormaster Donch. Absent: Commissioners MacKinnon, O'Neill, Smith and Assistant HM Estabrooks. A quorum existing and the meeting proceeded. A vacancy still exists for a representative from the Town.

2. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the September 2016 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or additions. A motion for acceptance was made, seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **Old Town Wharf Update:** Mr. Peter Tacy, as a founding member of the Old Town Wharf Task Force and also acting as representative for the SHMC, provided a summary of the latest news. A bill recently introduced to the U.S House and the U. S. Senate has gained approval to return the wharf to local Stonington control. This will enable the Task Force to move ahead with plans to seek funds to restore the wharf and improve its' effectiveness as a breakwater. The Task Force has upcoming meetings scheduled to plan those next steps. Also, the Task Force has several vacancies to fill. For more details, see articles in The Day and the Westerly Sun on 9/16/2016..

4. **Potential CT Port Authority Meeting;** An invitation was previously extended to Connecticut Port Authority Chairman Scott Bates, a Stonington resident, to attend a SHMC monthly meeting and describe how the newly formed Port Authority entity could affect Stonington Harbor. Unable to attend this October meeting, the invitation remains open-ended.

5. **Helix Mooring Presentation:** Most moorings in Stonington Harbor are of the "mushroom" type with some limited use of "pyramid" type moorings. A recent request to the Harbor Master to consider using helix-type moorings prompted an interest to learn more about such mooring tackle. As invited guests, a presentation of the helix hardware and their holding power was made by David Merrill, the provider of helix-type mooring tackle (www.BoatMoorings.com), followed by a presentation by Jaxon Vibber and Capt. Luca Addabbo of Sound Marine, LLC, local contractors responsible for installing and servicing these helix moorings. The holding power and watch circle efficiency of helix moorings is much greater than that of mushrooms or pyramids and they should be considered for use in the SHMC jurisdiction. The SHMC Plan was researched and page 37, "Annex C: Mooring Tackle Specifications" does not preclude the use of helix-type moorings and allows for "...adequate substitution of mooring type..." The Appendix further states that "*The proposed ground tackle as a whole must be acceptable to the harbormaster*". The SHMC and the HM agreed that "helix-type" mooring tackle should

be allowed. A motion for acceptance of helix-type moorings was made, seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mooring Inspections: Sound Marine, LLC will be the only currently allowed helix-type mooring installer and therefore the only currently allowed helix mooring inspector. They will be allowed to inspect other conventional moorings but will be required to do those inspections in the same manner as the other inspectors. i.e., mushroom and pyramid moorings will be required to be "off the bottom" inspections.

6. Correspondence:

A. **In Jurisdiction:**

- a. **10 Water Street:** Permit #201605803-MG was approved and issued by DEEP on 9/26/16 to Mr. George Kimmerle.
- b. **76 Water Street:** Application # 201611056-MG was issued by DEEP on 8/31/2016 to Mr. John Hritz

B. **Out of Jurisdiction:** None received.

7. Treasurer's Report: The Financial Report for September is attached. It was reviewed and based on current expenses the SHMC treasury should end the year with about \$1400 to carry forward. There were no changes required to the report. A motion for acceptance was made, and seconded, and the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

8. Harbormaster's Report: The Report for October is attached and was discussed.

Wait List Maintenance: The HM reiterated the importance that the Commissioner's harbor survey be submitted to him before the end of October such that locations for new moorings for the 2017 season can be identified.

New Moorings Offered: A letter was drafted, reviewed and approved by the HM and the Commissioners and will be sent to those on the Waiting List from last season that opted to accept a "1-Year Grace" period, in accordance with Art 4, Sec 6 (E). There are about 28 people that potentially could accept mooring locations for the 2017 season. Mr. Johnstone and Mr. Diggs will follow-through in contacting these people to assess their plans of the 2017 season.

In addition, the SHMC determined that the next 40 people on the Waiting List will be contacted to alert them that a mooring may be offered to them for the 2017 season and to assess their boating situation now. A list of the people to be contacted, 20 each, will be provided by Mr. Diggs to Commissioners Crites and Rose.

HM Boat Winterization and Storage: The following options and costs for winterizing the engine, painting the bottom and storage of the boat were discussed: 1) paint bottom, winterize engine at Don's Dock and store outdoors at Harbormaster's yard, about \$900, 2) paint bottom, winterize engine and store outdoors at Don's Dock, about \$1500, and 3) paint bottom, winterize engine and store indoors at Avondale Boat Yard, about \$2700. Although storing indoors is preferable for extending the life of the recently renovated boat and the newer motor, there are insufficient funds for that this year. The HM agreed to store the boat at his house for this winter and hopefully move indoors next winter.

A motion for acceptance was made, seconded and the HM Report was approved unanimously.

9. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment: In the absence of further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and the approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9: 30pm.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 14 NOV 2016
Jay Spalding - Chair SHMC

Attachments:

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

Attachment A: Treasurer's report

SHMC FINANCIAL REPORT - 2016

Report Date 10/05/2016	Plan	Jul	Aug	Sep	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	17,896	24,436.81	5,336.81	4,280.38	17,895.74	17,895.74
Paid Moorings: Com/Pvt/Pub:	128/223/7	0/0/0	0/31/0	0/0/0	128/249/0	128/250/7
Mooring Fees:	24,000	0.00	1,550.00	0.00	25,300.00	25,440.00
Miscellaneous Income:	100	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Total Generated Funds:	42,096	24,436.81	4,886.81	4,280.38	43,295.74	43,435.74
Operating Expense:						
Mooring Admin:						
Mailings:	250				362.94	400.00
Telephone:	0				0.00	0.00
Computer Swr:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	100				108.00	108.00
Sub-Total:	350	0.00	0.00	0.00	458.94	508.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	300				0.00	300.00
Commissioning:	1,500				633.00	650.00
Storage:	0				0.00	0.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	500		40.56		40.66	300.00
Equipment:	500				0.00	250.00
Sub-Total:	2,800	0.00	40.56	0.00	673.66	1,500.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoy Commission/Haul/Store:	3,000		585.89		1,790.89	1,800.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	540				0.00	540.00
Signage:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	3,540	0.00	585.89	0.00	1,790.89	2,340.00
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:	1,300				0.00	0.00
Professional Services:	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	1,300	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Operating Expense:	8,490	0.00	606.45	0.00	2,923.39	4,848.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
Mooring Field Grid Project:	1,000			103.00	873.00	1,000.00
Anchorage/Channel Buoys Project:	0				2,878.88	2,878.88
Town Pier/Breakwater Project:	0				0.00	0.00
Pumpout Pier Extension Project:	32,000	21,100.00			32,445.11	33,245.11
Total Project/Capital	33,000	21,100.00	0.00	103.00	36,196.99	37,124.99
Total Designated Funds	41,490	21,100.00	606.45	103.00	38,116.38	41,967.99
Undesignated Funds:	596	3,336.81	4,280.36	4,177.38	4,177.36	1,467.75
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300	October	800.00				

Attachment B: Harbormaster's report:

Harbormaster Report
October 12, 2016

New Mooring permits issued: 0 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments in the works: 00
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0 2016 YTD=\$ 25,400

No issues reported from storm Matthew associated winds or rain.

Sandy Point "SNW" sign needs to be removed.

The "SNW buoy in "the cut" by Wamphassuc Pt needs to be replaced with a larger more stable buoy with a heavier anchor set. We should budget for this for 2017.

Will need completed surveys from all summer from each commissioner if SHMC wants to pursue reassigning unused moorings. An end of season synopsis for each area would be very useful.

Robert G

All is well, no issues.

We need to make a decision on winter storage. Indoor storage is preferred.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster