

March 11, 2019

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; Alene Whipple and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan.

Ethan Grimes and Bill Bomster were absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Comments from the Public – None

Commission members unanimously agreed to amend agenda thereby welcoming Stonington Village Improvement Association representative, Kevin Bowdler. He reported that the SVIA has discussed the commissions concerns with regard to parking at the Farmers Market and offer the following solutions: advise customers via social media to park on nearby streets and not at Town Dock; they will call Police if cars are parked illegally at Town Dock; and finally there is an open spot at the market that will remain unfilled to ease congestion. The event dates are May 25th through October 26th and the Police have agreed to monitor the first weekend.

Public Hearing – Southern New England Fishermen and Lobstermen’s Association (SNEFLA) lease renewal. By unanimous agreement the Town of Stonington Waterfront Commission will enter twenty (20) year lease agreement with the Southern New England Fishermen and Lobstermen’s Association effective October 1, 2020.

Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Whipple made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$575.00. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw as President of the SNEFLA stated the Association will pay up to \$150.00 for all Public Notices with regard to the Public hearing.

Previous Minutes – Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. Mrs. Whipple seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

- Dock Area Housekeeping/Maintenance Repairs –

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Mr. Grimshaw reported that the west end of the main dock needs repairs, the flagpole is being replaced and debris from ice house is to be cleaned out. The two invoices brought to the Commissions attention last month have been verified. The total amount due to SNS Electric is \$21,157.83 for power meters at Seawell Seafood. Mr. Grimshaw made a motion to approve payment of these invoices totaling \$21,157.83 from the Wharfage Account. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded and voting was unanimous.

Invoice from Gwenmor Marine Contracting for \$1,127.31 for planks at west end. Mrs. Whipple made a motion to approve payment of this invoice totaling \$1,127.31 from the Wharfage Account. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded and voting was unanimous

- Fuel tank update –

Email reply from Town Engineer Scot Deledda dated March 4, 2019. He stated the town will be receiving a proposal for a modified scope of services from Tighe & Bond this week for services necessary to advance the project forward. He added that the next step would be to prepare an estimate of probable cost for the entire project. Mr. Grimshaw reported that Plato of Atlas Environmental is working directly with Mr. Deledda. It appears that a temporary tank could prove to be very costly. Service Station Equipment has offered to loan the dock a 10,000 gallon tank, no further details at this time. The tank onsite will need to be down within an inch by March 31, 2019.

- Donahue Park -- All looks good. Members discussed the Harmony Trail project.

- Port Authority Grant –

Mr. Grimshaw stated that not much has happened since last month. It appears the Town is suggesting a temporary fix. Which is not satisfactory.

New Business – None

Correspondence – None

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Whipple seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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