



Stonington Harbor Management Commission

March 09, 2015
Final Minutes (Edward Smith, Acting Secretary)



1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Attending were Chairman Spalding, Commissioners Diggs, MacKinnon, O'Neill, Johnstone, Tacy, Motherway, , Crites, Smith, and Harbormaster Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Estabrooks. Absent: Commissioner Rose

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 9, 2015 meeting were reviewed. A sentence relating to the newsletter that was inadvertently duplicated in the DRAFT was removed. Approval as modified was moved by Mr. Crites, seconded by Mr. MacKinnon, and approved unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

- A. In Jurisdiction: None
- B. Out of Jurisdiction: None

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for February is attached. It was reviewed. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Mr. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. Tacy and approved unanimously.

6. Harbormaster's Report:

The Report for February is attached and was discussed. Acceptance of the Report was moved by Mr. Tacy, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business:

- A. Special Purpose Moorings: Two requests for special purpose moorings were

received. The SHYC requested eight (8) moorings and NESS requested four (4) moorings. Following a brief discussion, the SHYC representative clarified that they were actually requesting six special purpose moorings.

The Harbormaster reported that he could accommodate ten special purpose moorings in various water depths and locations. He had spoken with Bill Griffin who confirmed that he did not intend to increase the length of his dock this year, thus allowing three (3) special purpose moorings to be placed in that area this season. The Harbormaster also indicated that there was space on the West side of the grid that could accommodate three (3) shallow draft special purpose moorings and that (3) special purpose moorings could be placed off the NESS dock. An additional special purpose mooring that could accommodate a deep draft vessel and could utilize one of the on grid moorings that will not be assigned and utilized this season due to the number of available moorings created by the grid and the process of assigning these additional moorings. There was discussion relative to placing special purpose moorings to the South of the Old Stonington Town Wharf, but Harbormaster explained that that was not a sanctioned mooring area.

The intended use of the SHYC requested special purpose moorings was discussed at length. Specifically, the use of these moorings by the yacht club members vs. the projected availability to the general public. Also discussed were the requirements (training, certification and fees) for the general public in order to use the boats on these moorings vice the requirements for the yacht club members.

A motion was made by Mr. Crites and seconded by Mr. Johnstone to grant the six (6) moorings to SHYC. During the discussion of the motion an amendment was suggested by Mr. O'Neill to reduce the request to three (3) moorings but that was not seconded. The original motion was voted and defeated three (3) votes to six (6). Following additional discussion on the lack of information to support the projected availability of the boats on the special purpose moorings to the general public, a motion was made by Mr. O'Neill and seconded by Mr. Motherway to grant three (3) special purpose moorings to the SHYC. This motion passed unanimously. It was reiterated that the primary purpose of special purpose moorings was to provide water access to the general public and that actual use by the public would be a factor in evaluating future requests by SHYC for special purpose moorings.

The application from NESS for special purpose moorings was discussed. The commission agreed that NESS had fulfilled all the requirements for SPM in 2014 with a very active program for public access to their boats and facilities. A motion was made and seconded to issue four (4) SPM to NESS, and was carried unanimously.

The HM will meet with representatives from SHYC and NESS to assign the

locations for their SPMs.

- B. USCG Project # 01-15-103. Change Stonington Outer Breakwater Fog Signal: February 18, 2015 Local Notice to Mariners USCG has decided not to make any changes to the Stonington breakwater sound signal. It will continue to sound 24/7.
- C. Rebuilding Old Stonington Town Wharf: The \$30K grant from the state was received. The Request for Proposal was sent out. Five proposals were received and evaluated. The winner will be announced pending notification to the bidders.
- D. Harbormaster Dock Upgrade: An informal application has been submitted by Docko. DEEP will determine if the requirement for an A2 survey may be waived. The projection is for the permit to be issued this year and dock construction to begin next year.
- E. Newsletter: The newsletter is in the final stages of review and editing with an April target publishing date.
- F. Tracking project COP and other permits: Not discussed

8. New Business:

A questionnaire was received from the Connecticut Harbor Masters Association. It related to harbor management issues as the state moves to create a State Port Authority for commercial ports (Bridgeport, New Haven, & New London). A quick turnaround was required on this questionnaire for the CHMA. There was not sufficient time for the SHMC to review and comment on the questionnaire. A response was submitted by the chairman noting concern with what this information is going to be used for and how it will be used to influence this agenda going forward.

A request for reinstatement to the waiting list dated January 9, 2015 was received. The individual submitted documentation in compliance with the reinstatement procedures. Following a discussion of the established procedure for review of requests for reinstatement, granting the reinstatement was moved by Mr. Tacy, seconded by Mr. O'Neill and approved unanimously.

9. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment:

Mr. Tacy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. O'Neill seconded and the motion approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 4/14/2015
Jay Spalding - Chair SFMC

Attachments:

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

Attachment A: treasurer's report

Report Date 3/01/2016	Plan	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	7,065.73	12,065.73	10,709.48		12,065.73	7,065.73
Paid Moorings: Com/Pw/Pub:	128/250/4	0/0/0	0/0/0		0/0/0	128/250/4
Moorings Fees:	25,380.00					25,380.00
Miscellaneous Income:	100.00					100.00
Total Generated Funds:	32,545.73	12,065.73	10,709.48	0.00	12,065.73	32,545.73
Operating Expense:						
Moorings Admin:						
Mailings:	500.00		170.18		170.18	500.00
Telephone:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Computer Sftwr:	50.00				0.00	50.00
Miscellaneous:	100.00		287.10		287.10	500.00
Sub-Total:	650.00	0.00	457.28	0.00	457.28	1,050.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	500.00				0.00	500.00
Commissioning:	1,500.00	415.00			415.00	1,500.00
Storage:	750.00				0.00	750.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	500.00		15.98		15.98	500.00
Equipment:	250.00				0.00	250.00
Sub-Total:	3,500.00	415.00	15.98	0.00	430.98	3,500.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	1,500.00				0.00	1,500.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	1,400.00				0.00	1,400.00
Signage:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	2,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,900.00
Dock/Pumpout:						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Administrative:						
Supplies:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Newsletter:	1,200.00				0.00	1,200.00
Professional Services:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Total Operating Expense:	8,250.00	415.00	473.26	0.00	888.28	8,650.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
*New Boat Reserve:	5,000.00				0.00	5,000.00
New Anchorage Buoys (4):	3,000.00				0.00	3,000.00
Moorings Field Grid Alignment:	1,000.00				0.00	1,000.00
Town Pier/Breakwater Analysis:	0.00				0.00	0.00
Pumpout Pier Ext(Design/Permit):	10,000.00	941.25	2,558.75		3,500.00	10,000.00
Radar - Robert G					0.00	0.00
Total Project/Capital	19,000.00	941.25	2,558.75	0.00	3,500.00	19,000.00
Total Designated Funds	27,250.00	1,356.25	3,032.01	0.00	4,388.28	27,650.00
Undesignated Funds:	5,295.73	10,709.48	7,677.47	0.00	7,677.47	4,895.73
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300.00	March:					
Boat Reserve Cash - 640.00						
*Boat Reserve Accrual - 10,000.00						

Attachment B: Harbormaster's report

Harbormaster Report
March 9, 2015

New Mooring permits issued: 0 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments offered: 2
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0 2015 YTD = \$0

February 18, 2015 Local Notice to Mariners USCG has decided not to make any changes to the Stonington breakwater sound signal. It will continue to sound 24/7. This was due to "overwhelming feedback from local mariners against changing the sound signal".

There has been no apparent ice damage to the Harbormaster dock. Ice never appeared to be locked in around pilings or ladders.

No mooring renewals have been processed yet.

Robert G

Boat has been winterized and is in storage in Velvet Mill.

Respectfully Submitted



Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster