

May 14, 2018

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; Bill Bomster and Alene Whipple. Also present Ed Dear and Tucker Bradgon of the Small Boat Association and a member of the press.

Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan and Ethan Grimes were absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Comments from the Public – None

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Bomster made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$421.14.00. Mrs. Whipple seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Previous Minutes – Previously approved. presented to be signed.

Old Business

- Dock Area Housekeeping/Maintenance Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw reported that the dumpster offered by the Aquarium had been delivered. The plan is for use for old nets, traps, wires and other fishing gear not to be used. The hope is to keep people from using this for garbage. Mr. Grimshaw stated he contacted the Town today regarding the electrical plates sinking into the dock. With multiple recent high-water storms, the plates are also cracked.
- Fuel tank update – Test holes have been done, nothing further to report. Project is earmarked for September 2018.
- Donahue Park –all looks good, no negative activity to report.
- Port Authority Grant –Mr. Grimes stated Director of Planning Jason Vincent is hiring the engineer for planning and design of South Dock. He added he will get in touch with Mr. Vincent to check on status.

New Business –

- Stonington Small Boat Association – Mr. Dear and Mr. Bragdon, provided the 2017 financial report, allocated spaces list and Certificate of Liability. Mr. Bragdon stated the rules of the Association have remained the same. Mr. Bomster made a motion to renew the lease between the Town of Stonington and the Stonington Small Boat Association for three years – April 1, 2018 through March 30, 2021. Mr. Grimshaw seconded, and voting was unanimous. Mrs. Whipple made a motion to accept the annual reports provided, Mr. Bomster seconded, and voting was unanimous.

- Windfarms (discussion) – Mr. Grimes reported on the meeting he attended with the Fisheries from New England states. All agreed that this would ruin fishing with costs outweighing energy produced. Members discussed sending a letter of opposition to the head of the Department of Energy.
- Pawcatuck River (new item) – Mr. Grimes reported that the Pawcatuck Watershed has an opportunity to make the area a Wild & Scenic waterway. The Commission members are in support of eco-tourism.

Correspondence –

- Note from concerned citizen complaining about boat parked at dock. Members were not aware of any problem.
- Stonington Village Improvement Association request for use of the dock for Farmers Market. Members discussed the disruption this creates for businesses at the dock during this time. Parking is a problem as well as a safety issue. Mr. Bomster made a motion to accept the SVIA request for the Farmers Market to run on Saturdays from 9am to 12 noon from May 26, 2018 to October 27, 2018 with the request that a representative of the SVIA attend the next Waterfront meeting to discuss concerns. Mrs., Whipple seconded, and voting was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Bomster made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Whipple seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Packer, Clerk

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