



**Stonington Harbor Management Commission**  
**March 14, 2022**  
**Minutes by (Melanie Degler, Secretary)**



**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**Attending:** Chairman Jay Spalding, Treasurer Sherm Crites, Secretary Melanie Degler, Vice Chairman Jesse Diggs, Commissioners Tori Gimple, Caleb Rose, and Harbormaster Eric Donch

**Not in Attendance:** Edward Smith, Bruce MacKinnon, Joseph Williams, and Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks

**Guests:** Matt Gimble-SHYC, Spike Lobdell-NESS, David Motherway, Jr-Wad Club *via telephone*

**2. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the February 2022 meeting were reviewed. Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the February 2022 Minutes. Vice Chairman Diggs seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

**All previous Action Items have been closed.**

**3. Special Purpose Moorings – 2022:**

Requests were sent prior to the meeting to the Commission to review. Speakers for each organization were present to update the Commission of their 2021 programs and public usage of their club programs.

- a. Stonington Harbor Yacht Club- The Yacht Club requested an increase of one (1) additional mooring from their current six (6) moorings, since they are currently using a slip for one of their Ideal 18's. After discussion with the Harbormaster and concern by the Commission of a shortage of space in the current location of their moorings, the Commission denied the request to increase the Club's moorings to seven (7). Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the current six (6) moorings. Vice Chairman Diggs seconded the motion. Commissioner Gimple abstained. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.
- b. New England Science and Sailing - There were no issues noted by the Commission to approve the same six (6) Special Purpose Boat Moorings as last year. Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the same six (6) moorings as last year. Vice Chairman Diggs seconded the motion. Commissioner Rose abstained. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.
- c. Wadawanuck Club – There were no issues noted by the Commission to approve the same three (3) moorings as last year. Commodore Motherway noted the Club did not purchase the additional vessel last year and did not utilize the additional mooring, though they plan to pay for the three (3) assigned moorings for 2022. Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the same three (3) moorings. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Diggs abstained. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

**4. Public Comment:** There was none.

**5. Correspondence:**

**In Jurisdiction:** Paper renewal documents for Master Joseph and Green were given to Harbormaster Donch.

**Out of Jurisdiction:** None

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

The Financial Report for February 2022 was reviewed and attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Gimple made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Vice Chairman Diggs seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

## **7. Harbormaster's Report:**

The Harbormaster's Report for March 2022 was reviewed and attached to these minutes. Treasurer Crites made a motion to approve the Harbormaster's Report as presented. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion. No further discussion, all in favor, motion approved.

## **8. Old Business:**

1. Online Mooring Update - Secretary Degler gave an update on her work with Online Moorings (OLM).
  - a. **Waitlist is now at 130 down from original 244.**
  - b. Currently there are (5) deferrals to 2023.
  - c. (32) new private moorings have been offered.
  - d. (6) private moorings were given up.
  - e. (1) new private mooring was refused as assignment was given for a power vessel and the applicant has changed to a sailing vessel which is not appropriate for the offered mooring.
  - f. (128) Commercial mooring renewals were sent.
  - g. Next year DMV access will be available to directly attach registrations to renewal applications.
  - h. Next year there will only be new moorings offered from the Waitlist if someone gives up their mooring since the Harbor is close to capacity.
  - i. Secretary Degler has been encouraging most applicants to renew by credit card and minimize use of checks, which is now harder to coordinate with the new Online Mooring system, including financial reporting.
  - j. Applicants can now add photos of their vessels to their renewal applications which will assist Commissioners with their monthly Harbor Surveys.
2. Newsletter Assignments were reviewed.
  - a. Articles are due to Secretary Degler by **April 6, 2022.**

**ACTION ITEM: Secretary Degler will send out a Revised Article List to all Commissioners.**

## **9. New Business:**

- Harbormaster Donch suggested to give a donation to the Jerry Desmond Road Fund at the Stonington High School.

**ACTION ITEM: Chairman Spalding with contact the First Selectman's office to determine if donating for safe boating education is appropriate for the Commission.**

**11. Adjournment:** Chairman Spalding adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Approved: Jay Spalding  
Jay Spalding- Chairman SHMC

Date: 4/18/2022

## **Attachments:**

- Treasurer's Report
- Harbormaster's Report

# Treasurer's Report

Report Date 3/14/2022

	Plan	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Probable
<b><u>Funds Generated:</u></b>						
Balance Brought Forward:	41,389	41,388.53	40,158.93		41,388.53	
Paid Moorings: Com/Pvt/Pub:	128/290/15					
Mooring Fees:	27,600				0.00	
Wait List Fees:	3,500				0.00	
Miscellaneous Income:	500				0.00	
<b>Total Generated Funds:</b>	<b>72,989</b>	<b>41,388.53</b>	<b>40,158.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>41,388.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Operating Expense:</u></b>						
<b><u>Mooring Admin:</u></b>						
Mailings:	200		202.00		202.00	
Telephone:	240				0.00	
Online Mooring:	4,600	30	407.52		437.12	
Miscellaneous:	100				0.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>5,140</b>	<b>29.60</b>	<b>609.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>639.12</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Boat:</u></b>						
Fuel & Oil:	300				0.00	
Commissioning:	2,500		1,345.00		1,345.00	
Storage:	500				0.00	
Maintenance/Repairs:	1,000				0.00	
Equipment:	500				0.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,345.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,345.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Harbor Maintenance:</u></b>						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	6,000	1,200	327.13		1,527.13	
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	800				0.00	
Adjust Grid Alignment:	750				0.00	
Signage:	50				0.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>1,200.00</b>	<b>327.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,527.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Dock/Pumpout:</u></b>						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	500				0.00	
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	0				0.00	
Miscellaneous:	0				0.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Administrative:</u></b>						
Supplies:	250				0.00	
Newsletter:	3,500				0.00	
Professional Services:	250				0.00	
<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense:</b>	<b>22,040</b>	<b>1,229.60</b>	<b>2,281.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,511.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Approved Projects/Capital</u></b>						
Replacement HM Boat	29,500				0.00	
Public Access Improvement	5,000				0.00	
<b>Approved Projects/Capital</b>	<b>34,500</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>56,540</b>	<b>1,229.60</b>	<b>2,281.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,511.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Undesignated Funds:</b>	<b>16,449</b>	<b>40,158.93</b>	<b>37,877.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>37,877.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Notes:</u></b>						
Petty Cash Advance	300					

## Harbormaster's Report

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March 14, 2022

New Mooring permits issued: 11	Moorings being given up (this month): 6
New Mooring assignments in the works: 14	
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0	2022 YTD = \$3025

Mooring renewals sent out 1/30/22

283 renewals sent out  
191 approved  
8 under review  
92 Not returned yet

Pawcatuck Point "GREEN 21" buoy. Local (New Haven) ATON group will look at possibly moving an existing channel marker "G 19" to this location. They plan to be working in our area in 4-6 weeks.

USCG ATON will also look at installing a ladder blocking device on "R-8" at the end of Stonington Warf to help deter people from climbing and jumping off. They have also been notified of the storm damage to "R-8" and need to replace the "Dayboards"

We are on a waitlist to be notified when a 5' x 10' storage unit becomes available at the Extrusion Drive storage facility. Quoted \$70 / mo for municipality.

#### Robert G.

I've been asked by Marine Group (USCG) if the boat is equipped with AIS for SAR. Suggest we add AIS to boat electronics. \$600 - \$1000

Waiting call back about electro-polishing tow bit before installing in new hull

No new update from Rowmarine. Still expect delivery of new vessel in June.

Respectfully Submitted.

Eric Donch  
Stonington Harbormaster