



**Stonington Harbor Management Commission**  
**April 11, 2022**  
**Minutes by (Melanie Degler, Secretary)**



**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Attending:** Chairman Jay Spalding, Treasurer Sherm Crites, Secretary Melanie Degler, Vice Chairman Jesse Diggs, Commissioners Tori Gimple, Bruce MacKinnon, Caleb Rose, Edward Smith, Joseph Williams, Harbormaster Eric Donch, and Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks

**Not in Attendance:** n/a

**Guests:** Matt Gimple-SHYC, Spike Lobdell-NESS and Ian Hetherington, Don's Dock

**2. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the March 2022 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the March 2022 Minutes. Treasurer Crites seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

**Action Items Remaining Open:**

1. **Chairman Spalding will contact the First Selectman's office to determine if donating for safe boating education for the Jerry Desmond Road Fund at Stonington High School is appropriate for the Commission.**

**3. Special Purpose Moorings Review:**

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club- The Yacht Club requested a review of past special purpose mooring assignments to the Club as there was question whether the Club originally had (7) assignments, not the (6) discussed during last month's review and approval. A historical summary compiled by Secretary Degler is attached to these minutes. Spike Lobdell and Matt Gimple agreed to the results of the summary and the approval of the (6) special purpose moorings for this year remains as approved last month.

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

**5. Correspondence:**

**In Jurisdiction:** None

**Out of Jurisdiction:** None

**6. Treasurer's Report:**

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

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

**7. Harbormaster's Report:**

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

**ACTION ITEM #2:** Harbormaster Donch will contact the USCG to investigate moving the G-19 buoy to better mark the rocks.

**ACTION ITEM #3:** Commissioner MacKinnon will contact Gilman for an estimate to purchase a new rock buoy.

## **8. Old Business:**

1. Online Mooring Update - Secretary Degler gave an update on her work with Online Moorings (OLM).
  - a. **Waitlist is now at 131 down from original 244 with a (7) year wait versus the former (12) years.**
  - b. Currently there are (7) deferrals to 2023.
  - c. (3) new Waitlist applications were added in March.
  - d. Secretary Degler will be calling the (30) late renewal holders to remind of payment.
2. Newsletter – Draft copies were reviewed. Secretary Degler will make further edits and bring to printer in April.
  - a. Copies of the newsletter will be distributed at May's meeting for distribution throughout Town and the Boro.
  - b. The printer will again mail copies to all current mooring holders and Waitlist applicants.

**ACTION ITEM #4: All Commissioners review and send final edits to Secretary Degler by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**ACTION ITEM #5: Secretary Degler will purchase (3) new weatherproof brochure holders for newsletter placement at Don's Dock, Small Boat Association, and the gazebo near the Transient Dock.**

## **9. New Business:**

- Deputy Harbormaster duties and schedule for 2022 were discussed.

**ACTION ITEM #6: Harbormaster Donch and Deputy Estabrooks will devise a schedule and plan for being in the Harbor this season and bring to May's meeting for review.**

- The Commission reviewed adding pyramid mooring data specifications to the Harbor Management Plan.

**ACTION ITEM #7: Harbormaster Donch will review the data provided by Commissioner Smith and update for inclusion into the Plan.**

**11. Adjournment:** Chairman Spalding adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Approved:   
*Jay Spalding- Chairman SHMC*

Date: 9 May 2022

## **Attachments:**

- Treasurer's Report
- Harbormaster's Report
- SHYC Special Purpose Mooring Historical Summary



# Treasurer's Report

Report Date 4/11/2022

	Plan	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD	Probable
<b><u>Funds Generated:</u></b>						
Balance Brought Forward:	41,389	41,388.53	40,158.93	37,877.28	41,388.53	
Paid Moorings: Com/Pvt/Pub:	128/290/15			0/57/4		
Mooring Fees:	27,600			2,850.00	2,850.00	
Wait List Fees:	3,500			175.00	175.00	
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>40,902.28</b>	<b>44,413.53</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>40,902.28</b>	<b>40,902.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Notes:</u></b>						
Petty Cash Advance	300					

## Harbormaster's report

### Harbormaster Report

April 11, 2022

New Mooring permits issued: 5                      Moorings being given up (this month): 1  
New Mooring assignments in the works: 8  
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$5350      2022 YTD = \$8375

Mooring renewals sent out 1/30/22

283 renewals sent out  
    255 approved  
    10 under review  
    32 Not returned yet

Pawcatuck Point "GREEN 21" buoy. Channel marker "G 19" moved to a new location east of where "G-21" was. I suggest we install a "Rock" Buoy where "G-21" was.

Established a new 5' x 10' storage unit at Extrusion Drive storage facility. \$80 per month is rate. Expect to have any remaining gear moved there by April 30.

All current SHMC members have been added to the West Marine Pro account as users. New ID cards are being mailed to each Commissioner. All other signers have been removed from the account.

#### Robert G

Chairman Spalding identified Raymarine AIS700 as best option for our use. Unit price \$1100 plus Shakespeare 5250 antenna \$70. Suggest we place order.

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

Boat is in my driveway. Expect to launch next week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch  
Stonington Harbormaster



Jay Spalding <jspalding19@gmail.com>

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## Special Purpose Moorings Minutes Review for SHYC

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Melanie Degler <mdegler16@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 19, 2022 at 12:45 PM

To: harbormaster <harbormaster@usa.com>, Jay Spalding <jspalding19@gmail.com>, Jesse Diggs <jsdiggs@comcast.net>

Eric, Jay and Jesse,

As per my earlier email where Spike had reached out to me only on Tuesday to check on the status of SHYC, (*not NESS*) previously been given (7) moorings per his recollection.

I investigated all the March minutes back to 2013, which is as far back as listed on the Town Website. Please see my findings below. **I feel this review should be discussed at the April meeting with all Commission members and ask Spike and Matt to again be present to discuss. This should be documented in minutes for publication, not emails, as I see this becoming an issue and we as a Commission should be inclusive.**

SHYC began requesting SPMs in 2015.

- 2016-requested (6) and was granted (6) with HM deciding locations.
- 2017-requested (7) and was granted (6) with the (1) float off Wamphassuc with the condition they provide more support for public access when they request in 2018. Again with HM deciding location.
- 2018-requested (7) and was granted (6) with the (1) float.
- 2019-requested (7) and was granted (6) with the (1) float, but again lengthy discussion noted to lack of public access to their moorings.
- 2020-requested only (6), stated giving up (1) float due to lack of use and unfavorable location off of Wamphassuc. Approved only the (6).
- 2021-requested (6) and approved.

I would like this summary email to be shared at the meeting for FOI purposes. Your comments are appreciated...  
Melanie

Regards,

**Melanie S. Degler**

**SHMC Commissioner/Waitlist Administrator**

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