



Stonington Harbor Management Commission
September 12, 2022
Minutes by (Melanie Degler, Secretary)



1. Call to Order:

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Attending: Chairman Jay Spalding, Secretary Melanie Degler, Vice Chairman Jesse Diggs, Commissioners Tori Gimple, Bruce MacKinnon, Caleb Rose, and Harbormaster Eric Donch

Not in Attendance: Treasurer Sherm Crites and Commissioners Stathis Manousos, Ed Smith, Joseph Williams

Guests: n/a

2. Minutes:

The Minutes of the August 2022 meetings were reviewed. Commissioner MacKinnon made a motion to approve the August 2022 Minutes. Commissioner Gimple seconded the motion. No further discussion occurred, all in favor, motion approved.

Action Items Remaining Open:

ACTION ITEM #1: Chairman Spalding will contact Town Selectman's Office for the procedure to advertise Deputy Harbormaster position.

ACTION ITEM #2: Commissioner Williams will contact Jessica Fogg with Stonington Commons to install a ladder and a safety ring on the transient dinghy dock.

3. Public Comment:

- Mr. Craig Rowley spoke of the sewage discharge incident that occurred this past weekend around Sandy Point by a transiting large trawler vessel. He was behind the vessel in his sailboat when the discharge occurred and noted the gentleman seemed to have the vessel on autopilot while he went below. He took photographs of the vessel, registration numbers and discharge area in the waterway and contacted Harbormaster Donch and 911/Stonington Police. HM Donch investigated along with Stonington Police. HM Donch also notified the Coast Guard. The vessel was noticed to be anchored in Napatree basin, where the Westerly Pump out boat routinely patrols.
- HM Donch is working with the Stonington Police Department to investigate this incident and will update the Commission during October's meeting.
- Mr. Rowley voiced his displeasure that the Stonington Marine Patrol boat was not out on the water during this time due to lack of staff to man the vessel.

4. Correspondence:

In Jurisdiction: None

Out of Jurisdiction: None

5. Treasurer's Report:

The Financial Report for September 2022 was reviewed and attached to these minutes. Commissioner Rose 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.

6. Harbormaster's Report:

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

7. Old Business:

- a) Online Mooring Update - Secretary Degler gave an update on her work with Online Moorings (OLM).
 - a. **Waitlist is now at 133 with a 9yr wait.**
 - b. Currently there are (5) deferrals to 2023.
 - c. (3) previous deferrals were removed as no longer interested in a mooring.
 - d. (3) new Waitlist applications were added in August.
 - e. Will be sending the 2023 Waitlist renewal bills electronically on 9/30/22.
 - f. Called the next (14) applicants on the Waitlist to confirm their interest in a mooring for the 2023 season and (3) asked to be removed.
 - g. There are (18) individuals who gave up moorings this year to date and HM Donch and Secretary Degler will be reviewing these locations and may consider offering more moorings to Waitlist applicants than the original (19) planned based on vessels and available locations.

- b) Deputy Harbormaster Search:

ACTION ITEM #3: Commissioner Rose will compile a draft role profile for review and then posting with the Town.

- c) SHMP Update: Chairman Spalding sent the final Plan to DEEP and is awaiting their comments/approval.

8. New Business:

- a) Dinghy Dock Boxes:
 - o HM Donch will remove the two boxes since investigation has proven no one is taking ownership/maintaining the boxes and have become safety issues.
- b) HM Donch shared his concern related to the filling in of the channel around Sandy Point and the increase of soft groundings reported by SeaTow and BoatUS.

ACTION ITEM #4: HM Donch will make inquiries to begin discussions to dredge the Sandy Point Channel and report at the October meeting.

ACTION ITEM#5: Chairman Spalding will add Winter Sticks and Name for the new Harbormaster boat to the October agenda.

9. Adjournment: Chairman Spalding adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Approved: 
Jay Spalding- Chairman SHMC

Date: 14 November 2022

Attachments:

- Treasurer's Report
- Harbormaster's Report

Treasurer's Report

Report Date 9/12/2022						
	Plan	Jun	Jul	Aug	YTD	Probable
<u>Funds Generated:</u>						
Balance Brought Forward:	41,389	54,518.94	52,030.08	41,213.07	41,388.53	41,388.53
Paid Moorings: Com/Pw/Spc:	128/290/15	0/35/3	0/9/0		128/259/14	128/290/14
Moorings Fees	27,600	1,760.00	450.00		27,650.00	28,500.00
Wait List Fees	3,500	25.00		150.00	350.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Income:	500				0.00	500.00
Total Generated Funds:	72,989	56,303.94	52,480.08	41,363.07	69,388.53	74,388.53
<u>Operating Expense:</u>						
<u>Mooring Admin:</u>						
Mailings:	200				202.00	220.00
Telephone:	240				0.00	0.00
Online Mooring	4,600	1,311.71	22.36	38.72	3,650.38	4,600.00
Miscellaneous:	100		114.00		135.17	150.00
Sub-Total:	5,140	1,311.71	136.36	38.72	3,987.55	4,970.00
<u>Boat:</u>						
Fuel & Oil:	300	90.18	96.15	129.00	315.33	300.00
Commissioning:	2,500				1,630.00	3,000.00
Storage:	500				0.00	500.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	1,000	16.11			95.49	1,000.00
Equipment:	500			3,007.80	4,081.30	6,000.00
Sub-Total:	4,800	106.29	96.15	3,136.80	6,122.12	10,800.00
<u>Harbor Maintenance:</u>						
Buoy: Commission/Haul/Store:	6,000	2,855.86		820.60	5,203.59	6,000.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage:	800			320.00	880.00	1,200.00
Adjust Grid Alignment	750		512.00	514.00	1,266.00	1,500.00
Signage:	50				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	7,600	2,855.86	512.00	1,654.60	7,349.59	8,700.00
<u>Dock/Pumpout:</u>						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	500				0.00	500.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	0				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	0				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
<u>Administrative:</u>						
Supplies:	250		22.50		22.50	250.00
Newsletter:	3,500				4,873.82	5,000.00
Professional Services:	250				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	4,000	0.00	22.50	0.00	4,896.32	5,250.00
Total Operating Expense:	22,040	4,273.86	767.01	4,830.12	22,355.58	30,220.00
<u>Approved Projects/Capital</u>						
Replacement HM Boat	29,500		10,500.00		10,500.00	29,500.00
Public Access Improvement	5,000				0.00	0.00
Approved Projects/Capital	34,500	0.00	10,500.00	0.00	10,500.00	29,500.00
Total Designated Funds	56,540	4,273.86	11,267.01	4,830.12	32,855.58	59,720.00
<u>Undesignated Funds:</u>	16,449	52,030.08	41,213.07	36,532.95	36,532.95	14,668.53
<u>Notes:</u>						
Petty Cash Advance	300					

Harbormaster's Report

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September 12, 2022

New Mooring permits issued: 0

Moorings given up (YTD): 18

New Mooring assignments in the works: 2

Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$0 2022 YTD = \$26,215

As requested at August meeting I shifted time in the harbor to more evening hours. This was in response to complaints of 'end of day' speeding in harbor. Had some success in addressing the issue. Addressed many boaters transiting through the mooring fields instead of using the channel in upper harbor.

Special Olympics CT annual sailing regatta in Stonington Harbor was held Sept 10. Conditions were excellent. Event was a success again this year.

I was not involved in response to the marine incident that resulted in two fatalities at west breakwater.

8/28 Responded report of woman losing part of a finger due to line handling accident in the harbor. Transported her to Stonington EMS at transient dingy dock.

SNW buoys around Sandy Point permit signed 8-18-22.

Robert G

Boat trailer taken to G H Trailer for repairs. Extensive research into a new trailer by Commissioner Diggs concluded the best replacement trailer would cost \$4800. Due to timeline for delivery and expected complications with “registering” new trailer with town, as well as disposal of existing trailer it was decided to repair existing trailer. Quote for repair is \$3100 to include replacement of all brakes, rotors and wheel hubs as well as new tires.

New boat update, fuel tank and deck installed. No update on projected delivery date.

Raymarine AIS700 plus Shakespeare 5250 antenna ordered from West Marine. On backorder – expected in August – no update

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster