

August 4, 2020

The Waterfront Commission held a special virtual meeting on this date at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Chairman Sandy Grimes; Mike Grimshaw; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan, Eugene Pfeifer and Bob Guzzo.

Mr. Ethan Grimes and Alene Whipple were absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Comments from the Public – None**

**Treasurer's Report** – As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is \$1850.00. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Guzzo seconded, and voting was unanimous.

**Previous Minutes** – Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to approve the minutes of the March regular meeting as presented. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan seconded, and voting was unanimous.

**Old Business**

- Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs – Mr. Grimshaw reported that all projects are ongoing. The SNEFLA is working with Sid Holbrook and the DEEP.

Invoices: Gwenmor Marine - \$10,000

JBH Construction & Sons LLC - \$13,250

Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to approve payment of these invoices from the Wharfage Account to the Dock Working Account. Mr. Grimshaw seconded, and voting was unanimous.

- Fuel tank replacement -update – The installation is complete, and they are very satisfied. The boats are still working with BEST Energy and getting lower fuel prices. The SNEFLA has not received any invoice for their portion of the project from the Town for the 12,000-gallon, 30-year tank.
- Donahue Park – Nothing to report, all looks good.

**New Business**

- Mr. Grimes asked if there were boats from New London interested in coming to Stonington Town dock. Mr. Guzzo replied that no they prefer to stay in New London. The boats are having issues with the Windfarm people. At this time, the Commission reviewed the windfarm map and discussed their concerns with the over 500 windmills slated for installation. SNEFLA member Joe Gilbert has petitioned to wait for a study on the impact of the Windfarm to the fishing.
- Mr. S. Grimes reported that the Stonington Small Boat Association has turned in all annual reports and all is in order. He added that the SSBA has requested more space for expansion. After discussion, members agreed there is no room for expansion. Discussion continued as to whether this launch is public or private; it is space leased to SSBA and they are not comfortable with policing area. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan suggested better signage, such as MEMBERS ONLY, LIABILITY ISSUES. The First Selectman is looking into this. Mr. Grimshaw suggested putting in a new public launch at Stonington Point.
- Parking in dock lot is a problem. Some vehicles appear to be parked long term.

**Correspondence – None**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Pfeifer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sandy Thorne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sandy" and last name "Thorne" clearly distinguishable.

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