

October 6, 2020

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

Mr. Pfeifer was absent.

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

Treasurer's Report – As of this date, the balance in the Waterfront Commission account is \$1510.45. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to accept the report as read. Mr. Grimshaw seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Previous Minutes – Mr. Guzzo made a motion to approve the minutes of the September special meeting with a wording correction on page two. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

- **Dock Area Maintenance/Repairs** – Mr. Grimshaw reported that roof repair work has been completed on the icehouse. At this time, an invoice has not been received but total quoted price was \$3,512.00. He added that block work has been done at the Seawell building totaling \$3,750.00. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to approve payment for these repairs totaling \$7,262.00. Mr. E. Grimes seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw reported that the ice machine is in dire need of repair or replacement. The Association is looking into costs for a new machine. They are currently unsure of best route. They are working with Crystal Ice in New Bedford to keep ice available at the dock. He stressed the importance of good communication between the dock, fish buyers and boats to insure smooth operations. Eric continues to provide repair work as best he can.

Mr. Guzzo added that the insurance adjusters came to see the nearly thirty-year-old machine. Which will hopefully help after paying premiums all this time. The Association is also talking to people from other fleets for information and guidance. FEMA monies are available, but it will be expensive.

Chairman Grimes reported that he has spoken with the First Selectman who has asked for price to fix or replace ice machine, as well as costs to repair or replace pilings. The First Selectman has stated grant money is available. Mr. Grimshaw does not have hard numbers at this time but provided the following estimates:

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| ICE MACHINE REPAIR | - | \$25,000 - \$30,000 |
| ICE MACHINE REPLACE | - | \$350,000 - \$400,000 |
| NORTH DOCK PILINGS | - | \$150,000 at a minimum |

Chairman Grimes asked to get firm numbers and see the First Selectman as soon as possible.

- Historic Town Dock signage – State and Local – Mrs. Packer contacted Sue Cullen, Director of Economic & Community Development at Town Hall. Mrs. Cullen provided a contact, Robert E. Obey, P.E. at the District 2 DOT for state roads. She also suggested contacting the Board of Police Commissioners for the Town road signs. Mrs. Packer provided the State contact information to Chairman Grimes and has submitted a request to be placed on the Police Commissioners agenda for Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Chairman Grimes stated that he has left several messages for Mr. Obey but has not received a response to date.
- Donahue Park – Chairman Grimes reported that he has been contacted by a resident asking to plant a tree in the park to honor her son who is deceased. A discussion ensued looking for further clarification, i.e., will there be a plaque and if so, what will it say. After discussion, Mr. Guzzo made a motion to approve the planting of a memorial tree but prior to any action will contact the Tree Warden and the First Selectman. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.
- Stonington Small Boat launch discussion – Mr. Tucker Bragdon of the SSBA preferred not to attend a virtual meeting. Discussion is whether launch is available to the public, and definition of public. In doing some research, Mrs. Packer found correspondence from the Town Attorney dated February 20, 1996 regarding this issue. Board will wait for Mr. Bragdon to attend an in-person meeting. Members discussed the boat launches within the Town, where and how many. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan stated she will contact Keith Brynes in the Planning Department for help with this.
- Mystic Boathouse Park discussion – At the September meeting, the Commission was asked to submit a letter of support for the Mystic Boathouse Park project. No decision was made at that time as they were not provided with any information as to what it was, they were supporting. Members of the Commission agree that

they as per the Charter should have been involved with this project from the start and were excluded. Chairman Grimes mentioned that in talking to the First Selectman, she is aware of this exclusion. Ms. Chesebrough would like the Waterfront Commission to work with the Town Recreation Commission to ensure the Park is for every resident.

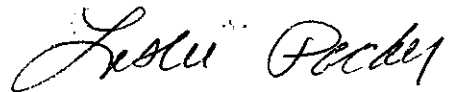
New Business – None

Correspondence-

Letter dated September 7, 2020 from Fred Wagner, Town of Stonington representative for the Wood-Pawcatuck Wild and Scenic Rivers Stewardship Council asking for an alternated representative from the Waterfront Commission. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan stated she is interested. Mrs. Packer will forward letter.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie Packer".

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