

TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
Harbor Management Commission

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1. Call to Order  
Chairman Ray Collins called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Old Saybrook Harbor Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call  
Dick Goduti  
Pete Fredrickson, Secretary  
Ray Collins, Chairman  
Les Bowman  
George Wall

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Approximately 15 members of the public

3. Citizens with Business before the Commission

Norman Root of 289 Boston Post Road stated that he had sent an email questioning the the assignment of new slips. He is on the wait list for a slip. He asked about the procedure. There was discussion regarding the policy. Chairman Ray Collins stated that the Commission would discuss the matter, clarify the policies and report the correct wait list.

Vince Scaramella would like the Commission to correct some statements that were made at the last meeting by Mr. Goduti, particularly the statement regarding the removal of town property. He asked if Mr. Goduti would consider apologizing for making the statements. He read a letter into the minutes. There are pictures attached that were taken at the time of the purchase of the property showing no town owned telephone poles. Attached to the minutes (Exhibit A).

Ray Collins, Chairman asked Mr. Goduti if he would apologize and Mr. Goduti refused.

4. Minutes of previous meeting- May 2010

**Motion – Pete Fredrickson moved to approve the May meeting minutes as amended, George Wall seconded,  
Changes: on page 4 capitalize Collins  
on page 8 page 2 C,  
Change 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of paragraph 3 to say that Mr Goduti read from the Minutes of the Harbor Commission from March that said that the abutting property owners would be sent a letter to invite them to a Harbor Commission meeting.  
Correct name of residents on Sheffield Street to Slane,  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

5. North Cove  
2 requests for exemption to Rule 11, 50% rule  
Thomas and Barbara Frasca due to cruising  
Richard Barnes due to cruising

**Motion – Les Bowman moved to approve the request for an exemption for Thomas Frasca and Richard Barnes for the 2010 season, George Wall seconded  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

6. Ferry Road

Michael Cronin, Esq., town counsel, came to speak with respect to the STEAP grant. The town received an updated execution from DEP stating that the grant is effective from 7/1/09 to 7/1/2014. Mr. Cronin said the town has been working with Gary Sharpe regarding the replacement of the bulkhead. The grant is for \$ 250,000. The money to pay the invoices has to come from somewhere. The source to pay for the invoices is the harbor management account. That fund has approximately \$ 308,000.00 in it as of 4/30/2010. The fund is under the authority of the Harbor Commission. The reimbursement from DEP will go directly back into the fund. Mr. Cronin has spoken with Robert Fish, Treasurer and Michael Pace and he has established a procedure which is spelled out in the Authorization for Payment. (Copy attached to minutes) This project must also be compliant with many state and federal regulations such as prevailing wages, etc. The bid proposals must be sent out in the appropriate way. Mr. Cronin proposed the hiring of a firm, Larry Wagner & Associates who would review the bid documents and make sure they are complaint with all state and federal regulations; and they would review the bidding contractors for consistency with the state regulations. Mr. Wagner anticipates the cost of \$ 9,000 to \$ 10,000 for handling these responsibilities, pursuant to a contract. Mr. Wagner had reviewed the state grant prior to estimating his fee. Mr. Cronin would suggest that Wagner Associates be hired. His expenses can be covered by the STEAP grant if there are enough funds. Previously paid engineering fees can be paid from the state grant, if there are enough funds. The Commission would review all the invoices that come in for payment.

**Motion- Dick Goduti moved to approve the Authorization for Payment for the STEAP grant for the Ferry Dock, George Wall seconded  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

Ray Collins read into the Minutes a letter from Gary Sharpe regarding providing additional required engineering services for the Ferry Dock project. The letter estimated the cost of each of the facets of the project requiring engineering services.

7. Harbor Master Report – none
8. Dock Master Report – none
9. Correspondence  
6/10 DEP letter to Steve Tagliatella regarding a dock application denying the application.  
6/10 A referral letter with a set of plans was received from Zoning Commission regarding an application from Brewer's to build a shed on their property. There was discussion regarding consistency with the harbor Management Plan. Ray Collins will send a letter to the Zoning commission stating that a boat shed is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.
10. New Business
11. Old Business  
Ferry Dock – In follow-up to the previous discussions regarding Ferry Dock, Ray Collins would like to get a legal opinion from Michael Cronin, Esq. regarding the commercial fishing permit policy. Dick Goduti believes that the Commission already has the tools to make the decision and set the policy.

The two individuals at hand for a space at the dock are equal in that neither are commercial fisherman.

The consensus is to move Reginald Rutty, III into slip 1 and Jackie Root into slip 13

Harbor Management Plan - tabled until the next meeting.  
Dock standards tabled- until the next meeting.

Harbor Master – Dick Goduti would like to move forward on replacing the harbor master. Ray Collins said he spoke with the Governor and she will not be making any appointments. It will be up to the new governor and the Harbor Master's term would not begin until January 2011. Mr. Goduti would like to be proactive and try and get a new harbor master appointed.

Motion - George Wall moved that the Commission begin formulating a list of 3 names f  
for the harbor master position, Ray Collins seconded;  
5-0-0 motion approved

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12. Payment of bills

Olsen Sanitation \$ 166.00  
Ruth Hockert \$ 306.00  
Saybrook Printing\$ 574.78  
Allcare Lawn Service \$ 75.00

Motion – Les Bowman moved to pay the submitted invoices, George Wall seconded  
5-0-0 motion approved

13 Adjournment

Ray Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

**Mr. Raymond Collins**

**Chairman, Harbor Commission**

**115 Sheffield Streets  
Old Saybrook, CT 06475  
June 8, 2010**

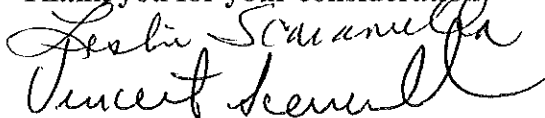
**During the course of the May Harbor Commission meeting, Mr. Goduti, a member of the Harbor Commission, stated "When the Scaramella's bought the house there was a parking area and that they removed telephone poles that were laid on the ground. Mr. Goduti believes that there was parking all the way to the Scaramella's driveway". Quotes are from minutes of the May 10, 2010 Harbor Commission meeting. This information was also provided to the Police Commission by Mr. Richard Metsack, Police Commission member.**

**As you can see from the attached pictures when we purchased the house there were no telephone poles present. Also attached is a letter from our real estate agent attesting to the same.**

**These accusations by Mr. Goduti, an elected town official, are now a matter of public record as is the letter from Mr. Metsack. During the May Police Commission meeting we asked for an apology and a retraction to be included in the minutes of the meeting.**

**Mr. Collins, we are now asking for the same from the Harbor Commission. It's just not right that public officials can freely accuse citizens of destroying public property without any repercussions.**

**Thank you for your consideration**

Handwritten signatures of Leslie Scaramella and Vincent Scaramella in black ink. The signatures are cursive and overlapping.

**Vincent and Leslie Scaramella**



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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Scaramella

May 15, 2010

Regarding your question of utility poles in front of the 115 Sheffield Street property, I recall no poles in front of the property when you purchased the house in August of 1998. As you can see from the attached picture taken in August of 1998 there are no poles evident.

If I can be of any further assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

Barbara McBride Doyen

PICTURE TAKEN  
IN LATE AUG 1998

