



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Harbor Management Commission

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2012

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Collins called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Old Saybrook Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Ray Collins, Chairman

Les Bowman, Secretary

Dave Cole

Richard Goduti

George Wall

Scott Mitchell, Dock Master

Keith Neilson – Docko, Inc.

David Freed – GNBC Consulting

3. Citizens with Business before the Commission – none

4. Minutes of previous meetings –

Review of the Minutes of the January 9 meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Clerk Report - none

6. North Cove

Wait List Update. Requests for additions to the N.C. Wait List for J. Wiley (1/27/12), T. Moleskey (1/25/12), and J.Nardone (1/11/12) were reviewed.

Motion – Mr. Goduti moved and Mr. Wall seconded that the applicants be added to the List in the order received. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

Clothesline Appeal – The Commission reviewed an appeal letter from N. A. Westberg regarding its previous decision to deny Mr. Westberg renewal of his Clothesline slip for the 2012 season based on lack of use. After discussion:

Motion – Mr. Wall moved and Mr. Goduti seconded the Mr. Westberg’s request be denied. Motion failed 2-3-0.

Motion – Mr. Cole moved and Mr. Bowman seconded that Mr. Westberg be offered the opportunity to renew his mooring for 2012, but the Commission in its response to his appeal should strongly define that going forward Mr. Westberg must fully comply with all Clothesline rules and regulations, or he will lose his slot. Motion carried 3-2-0

7. Ferry Road

Wait List – No changes

Review of Ferry Dock slip renewals for 2012 was deferred until the next meeting while Commission members pick up the workload created by the previous clerk’s resignation. In discussion, Mr. Mitchell pointed out that one individual continues to occupy his slip long after the required vacate slip date. After discussion, the Commission advised Mr. Mitchell to contact the slip holder and advise him that if the slip is not vacated within 10 days, slip privileges will not be renewed for 2012.

Ferry Road Project –

Messrs. Neilson and Freed presented an update on their work for the Ferry Road Project. They reviewed an approach developed to allow the Commission to promptly proceed to the D.E.E.P. for a Certificate of Permission (C.O.P.) filing for the plan to move the project forward, while at the same time providing flexibility in design components and representation to, when approved, allow the project to proceed without another round of permitting.

The Commission agreed with the proposal and directed the team to proceed with the filing. The Commission also agreed to schedule a meeting with the 1st Selectman to review financing for the project after an initial review of the application with the D.E.E.P. It was also noted in discussion that in planning, the feasibility of hauling any new docks for the winter or adding a bubbler system should be considered.

8. Dock Master Report – Scott reported several items:

- There are currently eleven (11) unassigned mooring slots in North Cove.
- “Lost” Hosig mooring has been recovered by CRDD, the contractor.
- Dock Master suggested the Commission consider re-staining the Town Dock in the Spring.
- Dock Master reported he will be replacing some hardware on floating docks, and he will also be replacing a plank on one of the docks as maintenance activities.
- Scott reminded the group that the photocell light switch at North Cove is still not working. He was directed to pursue a solution, and it was

Moved by Mr. Goduti and seconded by Mr. Wall that the Dock Master be authorized to have the photocell repaired at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. Motion carried 5-0-0.

9. Correspondence

The Commission reviewed the Correspondence listed on the Agenda and determined no specific action was required at this time. However, in discussion, Mr. Goduti expressed his concern about the Rosser Zoning request to change Zoning regulations in a way that would potentially impact the whole town. It was pointed out that the current correspondence is only a request by Zoning to extend their review timeline by 3 mos., and in fact Mr. Rosser’s attorney had indicated to the Commission in an initial presentation to the Commission he would in fact inventory the number of properties potentially impacted by this proposed change and report back to the Commission.

Chairman Collins reviewed Ruth Hockert’s letter of resignation, and discussed plans to find a replacement as soon as practicable.

Mr. Collins read the Volker request for a North Cove exemption from Rule 11, 50% mooring occupancy, for the 2012 season due to plans for extended cruising.

Motion – Mr. Collin’s moved and Mr. Cole seconded that the Volker’s be granted a Rule 11 exemption for 2010. Motion passed 5-0-0

10. New Business – Mr. Goduti initiated a discussion offering his dissatisfaction with the way the Commission does its work. After The Chairman responded with his observations, a general discussion of the state of Commission affairs followed.

11. Old Business - Discussion of North Cove policies was tabled until the next meeting.

Anchorage Area Designation. Mr. Wall requested he be granted sufficient spending authority to complete his application work with the Coast guard and other Authorities.

Motion – Mr. Collins moved and Mr. Bowman seconded that Mr. Wall be authorized to spend monies required to complete his application work.

12. Payment of Bills

After review and discussion, it was

Moved by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Wall to pay the invoices as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0.

13. Meeting adjourned 8:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Bowman, Acting Recorder