



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Harbor Management Commission**

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**HMC MEETING MINUTES
April 9, 2018 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL EMPLOYEE CAFETERIA**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Robert Murphy, Chair; Paul Connolly, Secretary; David Cole; Dick Goduti; Robert Soden; Scott Mitchell, Harbormaster; and Jennifer Donahue, Interim Clerk.

3. Citizens with Business Before the Commission

There were no citizens with business to be considered by the commission.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2018 were considered. A motion was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Soden to accept the minutes as submitted and was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

The minutes of the special meeting of March 12, 2018 were considered. A motion was made by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. Cole to accept the minutes as submitted and was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

The minutes of the special meeting of March 21, 2018 were considered. A motion was made by Mr. Soden and seconded by Mr. Cole to approve the minutes as submitted and was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

5. Clerk Report

Ms. Donahue's written report was reviewed by commission members. Under the North Cove heading it was noted that there was a misstatement – there is only one guest mooring, not two.

6. North Cove

Commission members discussed whether to offer more moorings in North Cove for the upcoming season to new wait list members voted on in March or awaiting a vote this month. Due to time constraints at this point in the season that would not allow the harbor master to map out the placements properly Mr. Cole made a motion to freeze the moorings for this season at the current level. Mr. Soden seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to add a section 6b to the agenda as discussion of the North Cove wait list was inadvertently left off. Mr. Connolly seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

The commission discussed the wait list application of Jeffrey Orling of Mt. Vernon, NY. Mr. Orling's boat does not meet the cove's criteria as it has a 6'3" draft. His application was approved with the understanding that he would have to obtain a different boat to receive an invitation to have a mooring. Mr. Murphy made a motion to add Kenneth Navarro, Nicholas Condulis, and Graham Solomon of Old Saybrook as well as Erin Owens of Essex and Jeffrey Orling of Mr. Vernon, NY to the wait list. Mr. Connolly seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

7. Clothesline

Mr. Murphy made a motion to add Nancy Siegel of Old Saybrook to the Clothesline wait list. Mr. Connolly seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

8. Ferry Road

Mr. Murphy made a motion to add Nancy Siegel and Andrew Gregor, both of Old Saybrook, to the Ferry Road wait list. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Mr. Murphy updated the commission on the work being done on the dock. The old dock has been removed and work will begin on the reconstruction around the 20th. The contractor estimates the work will be done 7 days after that and he is still anticipating a May 1 completion date.

The piles on the existing dock were noted to be 30 -35 feet long. CRD&D asked if the commission wanted to install 40' piles instead of the 50' piles specified in the contract. After a discussion it was agreed by all members to install 50' piles and not to reduce the pile lengths to 40'.

Members discussed where to put the additional pilings and agreed to notify the contractor to use 3 new 50' pilings and one 30' re-driven piling and to have them placed in such a way as to not crowd the boats in the two affected slips where they will be placed.

10. Harbor Master/Dock Master Report

Mr. Mitchell's report was moved up as he needed to leave. He discussed the options with the commission related to adding one or two additional guest moorings in North Cove. Materials are available to put out two 300-lb. moorings at no cost to the commission. Inquiries to find other used moorings have gone unanswered. To buy a new 400-lb. mooring set would be \$750. After some discussion Mr. Cole made a motion to add one additional guest mooring for the upcoming boating season using available tackle. Mr. Soden seconded the motion and it was so VOTED 4-1-0 with Mr. Goduti voting no.

Mr. Mitchell noted that there is a bill in the packet for painting expenses he charged at Saybrook Hardware. A bill for Beard Lumber will be coming.

Mr. Mitchell reported that his boat will be going in mid-week. He will begin placing moorings on the 21st with a goal to have the cove open on May 1. He also noted that a new sign is needed for North Cove as the ice took out the old one over the winter.

Mr. Mitchell related that he is having difficulty finding help to set up for the season offering \$15/hour. He also expressed concern that the mooring installation budget line is down to \$378, which will probably be inadequate. After some discussion Mr. Goduti made a motion to authorize Mr. Mitchell to offer as much as \$20/hour for up to 50 hours of work to help set up for the season. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Mr. Mitchell left the meeting.

9. Sheffield Street Project Planning, Bidding and Execution Discussion

Mr. Goduti reported that there had been no response as of yet related to the recently submitted COP. He will follow up with the DEEP next week. He noted that if there were any significant problems the commission probably would have been notified by now. He inquired whether construction drawings were to be obtained. Mr. Murphy noted that he would like to wait for the COP before moving forward.

11. Correspondence

There were no Rule 11 requests. Correspondence was discussed earlier under wait list issues.

12. Payment of Bills

Mr. Murphy made a motion to pay \$14.17 to reimburse Ms. Donahue, \$38.92 to Saybrook Hardware, \$41.46 and \$1.09 to Connecticut Water, \$1,937 to the Department of Revenue Services, and \$18,900 of a \$21,000 bill to Connecticut River Dock & Dredge (10% deducted until project completion as per contract). Mr. Connolly seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

13. New Business

Commission members acknowledged receipt of a copy of Ragged Rock Marina's application to the DEEP for dredging.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. seconded by Mr. Connolly which was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Donahue
Interim Clerk, OSHMC