



## Stonington Harbor Management Commission

September 8, 2014  
(Minutes (J. Diggs, Acting Secretary))



### **1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairman Spalding, Commissioners Crites, Diggs, MacKinnon, O'Neill, Rose, Motherway and Assistant Harbor Master Estabrooks. Harbormaster Donch participated remotely via speaker-phone. Commissioners Johnstone, Smith and Tacy were absent. A quorum existed and the meeting proceeded.

### **2. Minutes:**

- A. The draft Minutes of the August 11, 2014 meeting were reviewed with no changes required. Approval of minutes as submitted was so moved by Mr. MacKinnon, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, and approval unanimously.

### **3. Correspondence:**

- A. In Jurisdiction: A letter was received from a West Mystic resident regarding the horn at the outer breakwater stating that it sounds every 10 seconds regardless of the weather (i.e., fog or clear) and can be heard at the resident's home, about 4.5 miles to the NW. The HM and Commission members responded: the Sound Pressure Level (SPL) of the horn was measured and agreed with the USCG published source level of 118 dBA. The SPL at the West Mystic location was calculated to be less than 35 dBA. This should be barely audible and equivalent to a whisper in the best of conditions and in the absence of any background noise. The HM met with the resident at the Point and will meet again at the resident's home to pursue this further. The horn activation sensor may be faulty and will be reported to the USCG, but the horn source level cannot be reduced since it is an Aid-to-Navigation (ATON).
- B. Out of Jurisdiction: None.

### **4. Treasurers Report:**

- A. Current Financial Status: Mr. Crites circulated the August 2014 Financial Report (see Attachment A). The balance as of the end of August was \$16842, but after all expenses are incurred will be reduced to about \$7289 going into CY 2015. This was viewed as a healthy start to the upcoming year. Mr. Motherway so moved approval, seconded by Mr. Rose. Approval was unanimous.

**5. Harbormaster's Report:** The Report is attached. Also reported and discussed were the following:

- A. Potential Hazard in the Harbor: Commissioner Motherway recently observed re-bars protruding above the water. The location is off the 1<sup>st</sup> dock south of the

private dock that has a private boat lift, on Wamphassuc Point near the NW area of the harbor. The re-bars are intended to identify rocks but are themselves a hazard. The HM will contact Commissioner Motherway on Thu, 9/11/2014 to jointly investigate by water.

- B. Land Adjacent to the HM Dock: The HM dock is attached to land that is owned by the Town but managed by the Fisherman's Association. The land NE and adjacent to this tract is also owned by the Town and has been the subject of controversy regarding defining its best use. The SHMC will only get involved if the Town defined use includes activities that affect the harbor.

Approval of the Harbormaster's Report and the above additions was so moved by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Motherway, and was unanimous.

6. **Old Business:**

- A. Inner (old) Breakwater/Town Dock: Mr. MacKinnon reported that this effort continues in a positive direction and that a meeting of the stakeholders will occur at the Borough Hall on Thursday, 9/11/2014 at 4:00pm. A State grant is being pursued to perform a feasibility study of its restoration/repair.
- B. Harbor Hydrographic Survey: Mr. Spalding displayed a large format chart of the harbor with the new mooring grid overlaid on the hydrographic survey results. On examination, it appeared that the grid overlay was not properly marked on the survey chart. However, the benefits of such a chart were well received and it will be used until a new chart can be produced. Mr. Spalding will contact Nancy Byrne at Hydro Data, Inc. (HDI) to resolve the chart discrepancy.
- C. Tracking COP Projects: No new permits received.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

9. **Adjournment:**

Mr. Crites moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. O'Neill seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:45 PM.

Approved: Jay Spalding Date: 11/13/2014  
Jay Spalding, Chairman SHMC

**Attachments:**

- A. Treasurer's Report:  
B. Harbormaster's Report

Attachment A (Financial Report):

SHMC FINANCIAL REPORT - 2014

Report Date: 9/01/2014	Plan	Jun	Jul	Aug	YTD	Probable
<b>Funds Generated:</b>						
Balance Brought Forward	8,704.04	21,515.99	19,996.99	17,202.34	8,704.04	8,704.04
Paid Moorings: Com/PR/Pub	128/250/4	0/10/0	0/0/0	4/0/0	128/231/4	128/250/4
Moorings Fees	25,830.00	500.00			24,430.00	25,380.00
Miscellaneous Income	20.00				105.00	105.00
<b>Total Generated Funds:</b>	<b>34,554.04</b>	<b>22,015.99</b>	<b>19,996.99</b>	<b>17,202.34</b>	<b>33,239.04</b>	<b>34,189.04</b>
<b>Operating Expense:</b>						
<b>Moorings Admin:</b>						
Mailings	500.00				105.89	500.00
Telephone	450.00				0.00	450.00
Computer Sftwr	200.00				0.00	200.00
Miscellaneous	100.00				914.50	1,000.00
Sub-Total:	1,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.39	2,150.00
<b>Boat:</b>						
Fuel & Oil	300.00				0.00	300.00
Commissioning	1,000.00	340.00			845.00	1,000.00
Storage	750.00				0.00	750.00
Maintenance/Repairs	750.00	387.00			387.00	400.00
Equipment	250.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	3,050.00	727.00	0.00	0.00	1,032.00	2,450.00
<b>Harbor Maintenance:</b>						
Buoy Commission/Haul/Store	2,000.00		1,213.77		1,874.79	2,000.00
Misc Service/Locker Storage	500.00				0.00	500.00
Signage	100.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	2,600.00	0.00	1,213.77	0.00	1,874.79	2,600.00
<b>Dock/Pumpout:</b>						
Dock Eqpt/Maintenance	500.00				0.00	0.00
Pumpout Eqpt/Maintenance	0.00				0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	100.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Administrative:</b>						
Supplies	0.00				0.00	0.00
Newsletter	-750.00		1,267.85		1,267.85	1,300.00
Professional Services	0.00				0.00	0.00
Sub-Total:	750.00	0.00	1,267.85	0.00	1,267.85	1,300.00
<b>Total Operating Expense:</b>	<b>6,250.00</b>	<b>727.00</b>	<b>2,481.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,195.03</b>	<b>6,480.00</b>
<b>Approved Projects/Capital</b>						
New Boat Reserve	5,000.00				0.00	5,000.00
New SNW Buoys (2)	2,000.00	1,282.00			1,282.00	1,300.00
Moorings Field Grid Alignment	1,000.00		313.00	380.50	778.50	1,000.00
Town Pier/Breakwater Analysis	500.00				131.67	200.00
Pumpout Pier Ext/Design/Permit	2,000.00				0.00	2,000.00
Hydrographic Survey Project	10,000.00				9,000.00	9,000.00
Sonar - Robert G	1,500.00				0.00	0.00
Radar - Robert G	1,500.00				0.00	0.00
<b>Total Project/Capital</b>	<b>23,500.00</b>	<b>1,282.00</b>	<b>313.00</b>	<b>380.50</b>	<b>11,202.17</b>	<b>18,500.00</b>
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>31,750.00</b>	<b>2,019.00</b>	<b>2,794.82</b>	<b>380.50</b>	<b>16,997.20</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>Undesignated Funds:</b>	<b>2,804.04</b>	<b>19,996.99</b>	<b>17,202.34</b>	<b>16,841.84</b>	<b>16,841.84</b>	<b>7,289.04</b>
<b>Notes:</b>						
Petty Cash Advance - 300.00	September:	PO - 121				
Harbor Boat Reserve - 840.00						

**Attachment B (Harbor Master's Report):**

**Harbormaster Report  
September 8, 2014**

New Mooring permits issued: 1                      Moorings being given up (this month): 0  
New Mooring assignments offered: 2  
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0      2014 YTD = \$25,050

**Boat usage report (as requested):**

Launched 5-24-14  
May - 4 hrs on water (3 engine hrs)  
June - 23 hrs on water (18 engine hrs)  
July - 28 hrs on water (24 engine hrs)  
August - 21 hrs on water (17 engine hrs)  
September (to date) - 24 hrs on water (18 engine hrs)

Dredging around Sandy Point: No further activity this month. I do not know if the contract was awarded or to whom.

Special Olympics Sailing Regatta was held Sept 6/7. Hosted by Wadawanuck Club. The event was once again a success with excellent weather and sailing.

We still need to have harbor charts printed with the grid and depth soundings on them. This will be a big help to issuing moorings as early as possible next season. (Large 24" X 36")

I have talked with Dodson Boat Yard about making a push to complete the grid this winter. I will talk with Don's Dock this week about same.

I expect to send out a Wait list renewal form to all on the wait list by end of September. Return date will be 31 October.

**Robert G**

I would like to leave the boat in the water fairly late this season to see how the gridding project progresses this fall. Haul boat in late November if weather permits leaving it until then.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Donch  
Stonington Harbormaster