

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Minutes
August 13, 2007

The Stonington Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Police Headquarters. Committee members present were Chairman Peter Vermilya, George Kenyon, Jack Gorby, Rose Raffo, Arthur Medeiros, Rod Johnstone, Alan Banister, William Geary, and William Abt. Harbormaster Eric Donch was also in attendance.

Chairman Vermilya called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked to change the order of the meeting to bring the Deputy Harbormaster search to the top of the agenda.

Mr. Johnstone motioned to bring the Deputy Harbormaster search to the top of the agenda and Mr. Banister seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vermilya introduced Robert Drew, an applicant for the position, to the Commission. The Commission conducted an interview with Mr. Drew. Following the interview, the Commission moved into executive session to discuss the application.

MINUTES:

Mr. Banister stated one correction in the June 11, 2007 minutes, stating his name was included twice in the opening paragraph.

Mr. Kenyon motioned to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting with one correction and Mr. Medeiros seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Vermilya stated he had received one letter out of Jurisdiction concerning the seawall reconstruction in Lamberts Cove. In jurisdiction correspondence included a Permit Application submitted to the DEP by Dodson's Boatyard to change the permitted fixed dock with a floating dock, a Permit Application submitted by Thom Ozycz of Osbrook Point to rebuild a dock, a DEP Permit to Rhoda Boyajian, Osbrook Point to install a fixed pier, a DEP Tentative Permit to Jean Horblit to extend a pier 23' into the NW end of Stonington Harbor, a DEP Permit to Nick Kiratsous to construct a 102' pier off Osbrook Point, a notice from the DEP with intent to issue General Permits, and DEP Tentative Approval for SHMC to construct a 31' pier into Stonington Harbor.

Chairman Vermilya stated two bills were paid this month, one to The Sun, ad for Deputy Harbormaster position: \$304.90, and one to The Day, ad for Deputy Harbormaster position: \$532.22. Outstanding bills are to Harbor Supply for the new radio, Dodson's Boatyard for repair to ROBERT G., and Reimbursement to

DEP for a Public Notice in The Day, 7/13/07, giving notice of the DEP award of a permit for construction of a dock to SHMC FOR \$370.83.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Abt reported for June \$458.00 for expenditures, \$15,499.99 cash available, \$100.00 for Boat Reserve, and \$8,130.00 reserved for the new dock.

Mr. Gorby motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mr. Kenyon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Mr. Donch reported no new mooring permits were issued, no new additions were made to the waiting list, no moorings were given up this month, and three new mooring assignments were offered. Permits had not been granted because Mr. Donch had not received any affirmative responses to the offers.

The Sandy Point Beacon was relocated to a more visible location, and Mr. Donch stated he believed the sign to be very visible to eastbound boaters. To westbound boaters the Harbormaster suggested getting a permit for regulatory markers. The Commission discussed methods of getting boaters to slow down, but no decision was reached. Fred Blackall was present to discuss an update on his vessel "Marmion" Mr. Blackall stated the vessel had been declared secure by the Coast Guard, and he was looking for an interested party to find a new home for "Marmion." A schedule of events for the Special Olympics to be held September 15-16 was handed out to Commission members.

Mr. Donch stated the new leaning post cushions had been installed. He further discussed adding something to protect chafing to the aft gunwale area from hauling winter sticks. Mr. Donch proposed a wood protection similar to what is found on lobster boats. The Commission gave their approval for purchasing materials to add the chafing protection to the boat.

Mr. Gorby motioned to accept the Harbormaster's Report and Mr. Abt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Gorby stated Mr. Donch had supplied the rest of the information needed to complete the application for Transient Anchorage. He will finish the application and give it to Bill Brown, First Selectman, for his signature.

Mr. Gorby reported CUSH has become involved with the Pump out boat project. At a meeting on Friday, August 17, 2007 at the Stonington Police Station, the

Mystic River Pump out boat would be discussed. Mr. Gorby stated he would continue to look into service from the Westerly boat as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr., Banister, also with the Shellfish Commission, shared their boat's fees for maintenance, launching, and storage from Don's Dock with the Commission, stating the fees were lower than Dodson's Boatyard. Chairman Vermilya stated the Commission alternated between the two boatyard's and next year the ROBERT G. would be at Don's Dock.

Having no other business, Mr. Banister motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Abt seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Vermilya, Chairman

