

Town of Stonington, CT  
Stonington Harbor Management Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Stonington Police Station  
October 15, 2007

The Stonington Harbor Management Commission held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Police Headquarters. Committee members present were Chairman Peter Vermilya, George Kenyon, Rose Raffo, Arthur Medeiros, Rod Johnstone, Ed Smith, and William Geary. Harbormaster Eric Donch was also in attendance.

Chairman Vermilya called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**MINUTES:**

Mr. Smith motioned to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2007 meeting and Mr. Medeiros seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Chairman Vermilya reported he had received two letters out-of-jurisdiction; one concerning a Lamberts Cove sea wall repair, and the second, a dock on Mason's Island. In-jurisdiction letters included 1) a DEP Certificate of Permission to Dodson's Boatyard to substitute a floating pier for a fixed pier at their old dinghy dock location, and 2) the Corp of Engineers approval of SHMC fixed dock based on appropriate General Statutes. Reacting to a letter it had received from a Mr. Fromer, the DEP raised questions of Docko about structural materials used for the dock. Docko sent a letter to the DEP explaining the materials, and the DEP approved the dock. Chairman Vermilya sent out one letter, to Mr. Drew, an applicant for the position of Deputy Harbormaster, to thank him for interviewing, and explaining that the Commission has decided to hold off any decision until spring.

Harbormaster, Eric Donch's expenses were paid this month, totaling \$845.78. Outstanding Bills include \$1814.22 to Dodson's Boatyard for boat repair and bottom paint, and \$231.61 to Port Supply for the radio and other boat supplies.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

None

**HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

Harbormaster Eric Donch reported as of October 15, 2007 the SHMC account balance equals \$7,900.00. The total for the mooring waiting list is 209, no new mooring assignments have been offered. The Special Olympics, were held

September 15 & 16. Racing was cancelled on Saturday due to high winds. Athletes participated in alternate activities. Sunday's racing conditions were better and approximately 17 races were run. SHYC has committed to hosting the event again in 2008.

On August 17, 2007 representatives from DEP, Westerly town officials, Westerly, Stonington, and Groton pumpout boat officials CUSH, and SHMC met. Selectman Brown began investigation of a location in Stonington Harbor to offload a pumpout boat. Westerly can service the harbor, but is not interested in keeping a boat in the harbor, and the distance is too great to return to Westerly before offloading. On August 23 Ric Huntly, from the DEP, Bill Brown, Howard Storrs, Eric Donch, Peter Vermilya and Gracelyn Guyol met at the location of the proposed Harbormaster dock. Mr. Brown is interested in installing a pumpout boat discharge station at the dock. Mr. Huntly stated that the DEP had Federal funds for funding 75% of the cost of that percentage of the project that would be devoted to the pump out facility.. He stated that the usage percentage for the discharge of the pump out boat would be 50%. On September 21 a meeting to begin the grant writing for the pumpout project began, attended by Chairman Vermilya.

Mr. Kenyon motioned to accept the Harbormaster's Report and Mr. Medeiros seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Vermilya extended thanks to Bill Geary for editorial text for newspaper ad use pertaining to the Deputy Harbormaster search

Jack Gorby has provided a letter concerning the Transient Anchorage area. Chairman Vermilya will discuss the letter with Mr. Gorby before the letter is sent. It is now appropriate for the Commission to put out to bid for the Pump out boat facility and fixed dock. Mr. Medeiros motioned to put out to bid, and Mr. Kenyon seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vermilya stated he would need approximate figures to give to the grant writers.

Harbormaster Donch will provide pictures of the Sandy Point "No Wake" signage for Chairman Vermilya

It was reported that the hearing process for Don's Dock has not been closed, and is continued to the first week in November.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn and Mr. Kenyon seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.