

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Minutes
January 8, 2007

The Stonington Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Stonington Police Headquarters. Committee members present were Chairman Peter Vermilya, George Kenyon, Jack Gorby, Arthur Medeiros, Rose Raffo, Ed Smith, Rod Johnstone, Alan Banister and William Abt. William Geary was absent. Harbormaster Eric Donch and Deputy Harbormaster Michael Lennon were also present.

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

Chairman Vermilya welcomed Alan Banister as a new Commission member, and Patti Linder as the new secretary for the Commission. Chairman Vermilya also extended his gratitude to Rose Raffo for enlisting Ms. Linder.

Mr. Abt motioned to move the presentation of the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club to the next item on the agenda and Mr. Medeiros seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club Presentation:

Bob Fountain, President of the Foundation, introduced Rear Commodore Peter Tacy and Head Sailing Instructor Bill Ferguson. Mr. Fountain presented an annual review of the programs offered by the Foundation as well as the proposed programs for 2007. Following this review, Mr. Fountain outlined a request to the Commission for four new floating docks at the existing location to accommodate the 3 Racing JY-15's and provide space for the sailors. The existing docks, Mr. Fountain stated, remained secure during the 2006 season with no problems. Dodson's Boatyard assumed responsibility for removal of the docks in the event of a hurricane, and also supplied the configuration for the new mooring. Harbormaster Donch seconded the need for the new docks in order to advance the racing program at the Yacht Club, and agreed with the plan proposed by the Yacht Club. Mr. Fountain stated, when asked by the Commission, that the docks were insured. Ed Smith suggested the Commission members might want to look at the mooring plan for the new docks, and Mr. Fountain agreed to present the plan at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnstone motioned to approve the new float system as presented, contingent on a proper mooring plan subject to review by the Commission and Mr. Kenyon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fountain continued his presentation with the SHYC docks. Seven of the ten slips reserved for Stonington residents had been filled last season. After an appropriate waiting period, the other 3 slips were rented to others on the waiting list. All leaseholders from last season will have first refusal for the 2007 season. The Commission questioned the 3 slips reserved for the town that were not used in the 2006 season, stating they

should be offered to town residents first. Mr. Fountain suggested the Foundation present a timeline and procedure for slip rentals at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Chairman Vermilya asked for comments on the minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting. Hearing none, Mr. Kenyon motioned to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2006 meeting as written and Mr. Medeiros seconded. The motion carried 8-1. Mr. Banister abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chairman Vermilya received an out of area approval letter from the DEP, an out of area Certificate of Permission for the bridge to Mason's Island and a letter from the Board of Selectman announcing the appointment of Alan Banister. No bills were paid this month.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Abt reported the only expense during November was \$75.00 for secretarial services.

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Mr. Donch stated four additions to the waiting list, now totaling 202. \$180.00 was deposited to bring the balance of mooring receipts to \$8350.50. Repairs to the Robert G will be made by Dodson's Boatyard at a cost of \$950.00. Mr. Donch asked for volunteers to help stuff envelopes for renewal applications, and Commission members responded positively. A tentative meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Borough Hall. Mrs. Raffo volunteered to find out if the Hall was available and notify Ms. Linder, who would contact Commissioners. Ms. Linder graciously accepted the task of verifying the mailing.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve the Harbormaster's report as written and Mr. Medeiros seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter asking for donations from Stonington Harbor Mooring Holders was reviewed by the Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Vermilya asked for input on the To Do list for the February meeting. Also discussed was a plan for writing a more detailed Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Kenyon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. and Mr. Medeiros seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Vermilya, Chairman