

# **STONINGTON HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**March 12, 2007**

**7:00 P.M.**

**POLICE HEADQUARTERS**

### **Minutes**

The Stonington Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2007 at Stonington Police Headquarters. Committee members present were: Chairman Peter Vermilya, Jack Gorby, Arthur Medeiros, Rose Raffo, Rod Johnstone, William Geary, William Abt and Harbormaster Eric Donch. Alan Banister, George Kenyon, and Ed Smith were absent.

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

### **MINUTES:**

Chairman Vermilya discussed the schedule for preparing and distributing the agenda to Commission members. It was agreed that Ms. Linder would begin the process approximately one week before the scheduled meeting by sending Chairman Vermilya a skeleton agenda which he would then complete and return to Ms. Linder. Next, Ms. Linder would send it out to Commission members and post at the Town Clerk's Office. After the meeting, Ms. Linder would send each Commission member a copy of the draft minutes, within the following week, to read before the next meeting. Once the minutes have been approved, Ms. Linder will post them at the Town Hall within 5 days. Included in the minutes to the Commissioners would be a To Do List. This list is for the Commissioners use only and not a part of the posted minutes.

Mr. Geary motioned to accept the minutes from the February 12, 2007 meeting and Mr. Gorby seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **IN-AREA CORRESPONDENCE**

Chairman Vermilya stated he had received a flier from CUSH, a notice from the Selectman's office stating the term expiration date for Mr. Abt, Mr. Medeiros and himself was April 30, 2007. All three members stated they would be willing to serve another term, and would send letters to the Selectman's office.

Chairman Vermilya also presented articles from the Mystic River Press. One article stated funds had been granted to upgrade electrical service for the Town Docks. A second article announced John O'Brien had been appointed by the Governor as Pawcatuck's Harbormaster.

### **BILLS PAID:**

Chairman Vermilya stated he had paid two bills this month: Port Supply, \$24.68 for wiper blades for the ROBERT G, and \$108.00 to Conway & Londregan for legal counsel.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Abt presented his report to the Commission. Commission members discussed raising the fees on the moorings. Mr. Johnstone stated the fees should cover the annual operating costs for the moorings. Harbormaster Eric Donch mentioned three projects the Commission should consider: A pump out boat for the harbor, increased transient dinghy access for the town, and No Wake Buoys around Sandy Point.

A Sub-committee was formed to look into a pump-out boat. Eric Donch, Bill Geary, and Jack Gorby volunteered, and Mr. Gorby will chair the committee.

Chairman Vermilya thanked Mr. Abt for a well presented report.

Mr. Johnstone motioned to accept the report and Mr. Medeiros seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT**

Mr. Donch stated one mooring had been given up this month, no new mooring permits had been issued and no new mooring assignments would be offered until all the renewals were in. There were two additions to the waiting list, bringing the total to 204. As of this date, 194 applications had been received and 73 had been approved. Mr. Donch explained the need to send out a letter regarding the mooring inspection process to the effected mooring holders. He reported the installation of a new fueling system at Dodson's Boatyard that uses double containment from the storage tanks to the dock pumps. Dodson's Boatyard expects work to begin soon on the floating docks that will connect the two service floats to their northern float. In his report Mr. Donch stated three moorings will be relocated. Mr. Johnstone responded that the agreement did not include the relocation of the three moorings. Mr. Donch replied that he would talk to the Boatyard about that. A quote of \$300.00 was received to replace the leaning post cushions for the Robert G.

Mr. Donch agreed to further research this project. According to Dodson's Boatyard, fiberglass repairs to the Robert G. should be completed this month, and he expects to launch the boat in May

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DEEP WATER/SHALLOW WATER MOORING AREAS**

Chairman Vermilya asked the Commission to keep this in mind for further discussion.

**MANAGEMENT PLAN REWRITE STATUS**

Chairman Vermilya stated he believed the rewrite was in good shape, needing only minor corrections. He will be communicating with Ed Smith on this matter in the coming week.

**TRANSIENT ANCHORAGE AREA BUOYS**

Mr. Gorby reported that he had the application, which would have to be approved by the Selectman's Office prior to being submitted for approval to the relevant state agencies Mr. Donch said he would look for charts that would define the area where the buoys should be located. Mr. Gorby is researching the cost of the buoys and will report back at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Abt and Chairman Vermilya will continue to work on the budget for 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Medeiros seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Vermilya, Chairman

## **“To Do List”**

1. Eric Donch further research cushion repair or replacement.
2. Jack Gorby research for Pump-Out boat and cost of buoys.
3. Locate charts for transient anchorage area buoys.
4. Ed Smith – call a meeting of the Harbor Management Revision Sub-Committee
5. William Abt and Peter Vermilya – Continue to refine 2007 Budget
6. Eric Donch – prepare charts for Commission members designating possible new deep water and shallow mooring spaces.