

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
February 11, 2008
7:00 PM
Police Headquarters Public Meeting Room
Minutes

The Stonington Harbor Management Commission held a meeting on February 11, 2008 at the Stonington Police Station at 7:00 p.m. Present for the meeting were: Harbormaster Eric Donch, Rod Johnstone, Bill Geary, Rose Raffo, Arthur Medeiros, Jack Gorby, and Peter Vermilya presiding.

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

Minutes:

Mr. Medeiros motioned to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2008 meeting as written and Ms. Raffo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Vermilya stated he had received Out-of-Jurisdiction correspondence from the Ct DEP concerning Lord's Point, Quiambog Cove, Money Point Rd, Mason's Island, and 167 Mechanic Street, Pawcatuck. In-Jurisdiction Correspondence was received concerning a permit for the extension of an existing dock at East Neck Road, Wamphassuc Point, a tentative determination for approval of a new dock and float at 15 Main Street, Stonington Borough, and notification from Amtrak for plans to replace the East and West Railroad bridges.

Chairman Vermilya paid one bill to PMW in the amount of \$230.00 for Winterizing & oil change for the ROBERT G.

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Mr Donch stated there were no new mooring permits issued, and no additions to the waiting list. No moorings were being given up this month, and no new mooring assignments were offered. Also, no deposits were made to the SMMC account since the last report.

To date, 128 applications had been received, but none approved. There is some confusion within the administration of the Town over the funding for the proposed Harbormaster dock. Chairman Vermilya and Harbormaster Donch will schedule a meeting with George Sylvester at the

Town Hall to clear up any confusion. A letter needs to be sent to the First Selectman from the SHMC stating the commission has no objection to the tie off pilings being moved from 12' to 15' from the dock. This letter can then be forwarded from the First Selectman's Office to Sue Bailey, DEP. This chain should be followed as the permit application is in the name of the Town, not the SHMC.

Mr. Medeiros motioned to approve the Harbormaster's Report and Mr. Gorby seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Linder, Secretary for the Commission, has stated she needs to relinquish her position, and has stated she will continue until a replacement can be found.

Eric Donch, Alan Banister, and Peter Vermilya attended a CUSH meeting on February 7, 2008. CUSH is in the process of obtaining data sets for the water conditions for Stonington Harbor.

Commission members discussed the proposal for dock expansion at Dodson's Boatyard. Chairman Vermilya asked for a volunteer to meet with Bob Snyder at the boatyard to discuss alternate plans. Bill Geary offered to join Mr. Vermilya.

At the January meeting, the Stonington Harbor Yacht Club presented an informal report to Commission members, and stated a storm plan would be shared in the near future. The Commission agreed this visit would suffice for their annual report, unless there are any changes to the standing agreement.

The search for an Assistant Harbormaster was discussed. Mr. Gorby will again post fliers for the position. Chairman Vermilya proposed putting an ad in the paper. A legal ad vs. the classifieds was discussed.

There was nothing new to report on mooring inspections.

Mr. Gorby motioned to adjourn and Mr. Geary seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.