

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2009
7:00 PM
Stonington Police Headquarters
Final Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held on Monday January 12, 2009 at the Stonington Police Headquarters. In attendance were Rod Johnstone, Bill Apt, Peter Vermilya (Chair), George Kenyon, Ed Smith, Alan Banister, Jack Gorby, Harbor Master Eric Donch, and Assistant Harbor Master Charles Estabrooks. Jean Dixon was in attendance as an observer.

1. Chairman Vermilya called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Minutes** of December 8, 2008 meeting were accepted without changes'

3. Correspondence

Chairman Vermilya reported the following correspondence:

Out of Jurisdiction:

Quiambaug Cove (Cove Road)

Lattimer Point

Lambert's Cove (Don's Dock expansion tentative approval)

In Jurisdiction:

Walker's Dock – Tentative approval by CT DEP to retain existing structures and extend existing floating docks.

The Commission received an invitation from Docko to hear a presentation on the issues involved when evaluating the impact of proposed dock work or dredging on the benthic habitat. The meeting was scheduled for 1/15/2009 at the Docko offices at 14 Holmes Street, Mystic – Messrs Banister, Vermilya and Smith agreed to attend.

Bills Paid/Outstanding:

\$230.00 to Don's Dock to winterize the ROBERT G – The Harbor Master to follow up on why the payment went to Don's Dock rather than PMC.

4. Treasurer's Report

There was no report from Treasurer Abt.

5. Harbor Master's Report

The Harbor Master's report is attached. **Note** that it was agreed that this year's mooring renewal letter would NOT contain a solicitation for contributions to the Harbor Master's dock fund.

Much discussion ensued over the dock, possible alterations and alternate locations for temporarily docking the ROBERT G. A Committee composed of Harbor Master Donch (Chair), Abt, Dixon, Banister and Vermilya (Ex Officio) was formed to evaluate and make recommendations to the Commission.

6. Old Business

New Mooring Locations – Deferred until completion of mooring renewal process.

Wharfing – Committee composed of Messrs Vermilya, Johnstone, Geary, and Smith to meet this month and develop a proposal for the Commission's consideration.

Computer - Periodically (annually ?)The Commission needs to have a snap shot or "Gold Copy" of our database produced for the records.

The Assistant Harbor Master will maintain the Commission's computer and insure that all updates to the database are made, but will need some training from Ed Smith on how the database is structured and coded.

There is some confusion over which version of the approved Harbor Management Plan is on the Town's web page. Ed Smith to review and get the correct version to the Town.

7. New Business – None

8. Public Comment –

Jean Dixon informed the Commission that a dock that had been grounded on Wamphassuc Point had been re-floated in a recent storm and was now moored in the center of the harbor. Mr. Gorby agreed to inform the Yacht Club.

9. Adjournment – Mr. Kenyon proposed that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10