

Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
February 09, 2009
7:00 PM
Stonington Police Headquarters
Final Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held on Monday, February 9, 2009 at the Stonington Police Headquarters. In attendance were Rod Johnstone, Bill Apt, Peter Vermilya (Chair), Alan Banister, Jack Gorby, Jessie Diggs, Harbormaster Eric Donch and Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Vermilya called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
He welcomed new Commission member Jessie Diggs.

2. MINUTES

Accepted as submitted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Vermilya reported the following correspondence:

Out of Jurisdiction

Application for a new fixed dock, ramp and float on Latimer Point

In Jurisdiction

None

Bills Paid/Outstanding;

To Harbormaster for Expenses, October and November \$92.54

Alan Banister and Peter Vermilya attended a recent Docko sponsored presentation given by Dr. Peter Pellegrino in which he explained what issues he studies when making benthic evaluations of the impact boating, dock work, or dredging has on the invertebrates that live in the soft benthic sediments. These invertebrates are vital to transforming the detritus which falls to the sea bottom into food eaten by more evolved life forms.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Bill Apt reported that the SHMC had

15,833.00 In Cash available

100.00 In the ROBERT G. fund

10,300.00 In the Harbormaster Dock Fund

5. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

Harbormaster Donch reported:

New Mooring permits issued: 0

Additions to the Waiting List: 0 Total

Moorings being given up (this month): 0

New mooring assignments offered: 0

Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0 (2009 YTD = \$ 0)

2009 Applications received to date: 54, plus 2 at the 2/9/09 Meeting

2009 Applications approved to date: 0

Mooring renewal applications were mailed January 20th.

The Mooring database has been updated by Ed Smith. It now includes data on Mooring Inspections.

The SHMC computer has been turned over to Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks by Ed Smith.

The ROBERT G will be stored in Harbormaster Donch's backyard until Spring launch.

Deputy Harbormaster Estabrooks reported:

He is now in charge of entries to the SHMC Mooring database. He has started a backup routine and has created a 2008 Gold Copy of the database.

He will ask Town Clerk Cynthia Ladwig about the possibilities of storing an annual "Gold Copy" of the Mooring Database in the Town Hall vault. He will also inquire of Mrs Ladwig how long it is necessary to keep posted on the Town Website the Meeting Agendas and Draft Minutes, and in what form and to what extent it is necessary to make the Mooring Database available to the public.

He will continue to seek out a clean copy of the Harbor Management Plan, as passed in 2000, for comparison with the copy now on the Town Website.

6. OLD BUSINESS

New mooring locations.

There was a lengthy discussion of the SHMC's on-going list of possibly questionable moorings. Ian Hetherington, of Don's Dock, contributed valuable input.

Harbormaster Donch indicated his willingness to impose a 14 day period within which people on the waiting list who had been offered a mooring by Donch would have to reply to him.

Wharfing out policy:

Citing his increased job-related activity, defacto Sub Committee Chair Vermilya stepped down from the Wharfing Out Sub Committee. Jessie Diggs agreed to take his place.

SHMC Computer and records

Discussion was included under Harbormaster reports

Deputy Harbormaster/ Harbormaster duty sharing

Discussion was included under Harbormaster reports

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

9.. ADJOURNMENT

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