

Final
Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2010
7:00 PM
Stonington Police Public Meeting Hall

A regular meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held on Monday, March 8, 2010, at the Stonington Police Public Meeting Hall. In attendance were Chairman Peter Vermilya, Jack Gorby, Alan Banister, Jean Dixon, Rodney Johnstone, Ed Smith, Harbormaster Eric Donch and Deputy Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks. William Abt, George Kenyon and Jesse Diggs were not in attendance.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman Vermilya. The presentation by Keith B. Neilson of Docko was moved to the front of the meeting. The minutes of this presentation are recorded under New Business.

Minutes

Mr. Gorby motioned to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2010, meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Correspondence

Chairman Vermilya reported the following correspondence:

- A) Out of Jurisdiction
 1. Correspondence regarding Mystic River issue and another for Mason's Island issue.
- B) In Jurisdiction
 1. Request from Docko, Inc. to present plans for a harbor development project for applicant Harbor Edge Condominiums to the commission.
 2. Request from Docko, Inc. to present plans for a waterfront dock project for applicant Rosemary McKinney to the commission.
 3. Request from Docko, Inc. to present plans for a waterfront dock project for applicant Meryl Wiener to the commission.
- C) Bills Paid/Outstanding
 1. Payment to Adkins Printing Company for SHMC Meeting Minutes Book, Vol. 3, which holds paper copy of SHMC minutes at the Town Clerk's office: \$223.29

Treasurer's Report

The monthly Treasurer's Report (Attachment A), the 2009 Financial Statement and a preliminary 2010 Budget was submitted. A motion to defer

review of the reports until next meeting with Treasurer Abt in attendance was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

Harbormaster's Report

The Harbormaster's Report, March 8, 2010, was presented by Harbormaster Donch (Attachment B).

Extended discussion:

- a. The total 148 on the Wait List are approximate, represent new applications and do not include reinstatements from Mr. Johnstone's list.
- b. Under Mooring Renewal replies to date, 9 of the 24 pending represent waiting on DMV paperwork.
- c. Harbormaster Donch reviewed the status of mooring #24, currently assigned to Mr. Charles Buck who is temporarily unable to use the mooring. HM Donch will apply a temporary assignment of that mooring to another person for the 2010 season and reassess Mr. Buck's status at a later date for the 2011 season. Mr. Buck has been notified of this action and concurs.

The motion was made to accept the Harbormaster Report as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Old Business

A) Accuracy and Reporting of Mooring Data

1. Permit Renewal Process-reported under Harbormaster report.
2. Waiting List Update

Mr. Johnstone reported that as of March 5, 38 persons had been reinstated to their original positions on the Mooring Wait List. 10 persons are outstanding (unable to contact). Mr. Johnstone stated that the list updating will be completed on March 31, 2010. The website wait list contact update form, not the application form, should be used for updating the list to ensure that updates are not processed as new applications.

3. Aerial Harbor Survey/GPS Mooring Location Project

There was further discussion of integrating aerial photography; GPS mooring coordinates and the Stonington town GIS system to manage mooring locations. Mr. Estabrooks stated that he will work with the town information officer to integrate the GPS mooring location coordinates that SHMC is collecting for each mooring into the town GIS system so that the town harbor map will reflect the location of every mooring which can be further correlated with a GIS aerial harbor photograph.

*Mr. Banister will investigate acquiring a GIS aerial photo of Stonington Harbor.

- B) 2010 SHMC Budget
 - 1. The 2010 Budget Presentation and Review was deferred.

- C) No-Wake Buoy Proposal
 - 1. Mr. Banister contacted Eleanor Mariani, Director of Navigation Safety, DEP Boating Division to clarify the No-Wake Buoy Proposal. The proposal had recently been denied by that agency's Mr. Michael Payton who was unavailable to further consider the proposal. Mr. Banister reviewed the proposal's history, goals and benefits as well as its relation to state statutes governing wakes with Ms. Mariani for her reconsideration. The telephone conversation was summarized in a follow-up letter. Ms. Mariani's decision on reconsideration of the proposal should be announced by next meeting.

- D) Harbor Management Plan Rewrite
 - No report was given.
- E) Harbormaster Boat Dock
 - Discussion deferred to future time.
- F) Accuracy of .pdf format version of Harbor Management Plan
 - Chairman Vermilya reported that the two files given him by Deputy Harbormaster Estabrooks were not the original Plan and Ordinance as passed by the Borough and the Town in 2000.

*Chairman Vermilya will attempt to find a digital copy of the originals with the help of Mr. Banister.

New Business

- A) Presentation by Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc. Mr. Neilson presented 3 permit application projects for SHMC consideration:
 - 1. Applicant Rosemary McKinney for a new 40 ft. pier and boat lift at 55 Church Street in Stonington Borough. Potential for eelgrass damage was acknowledged and the commission deferred to DEP Marine Fisheries and Corp of Engineers for judgment on this issue. Mr. Johnstone motioned to approve the proposal as consistent with the SHMC Management Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

 - 2. Applicant Harbor Edge Condominiums for replacement of wave attenuator located off the HEC property on Northwest Street in the Borough of Stonington. Mr. Neilson stated that independent studies confirmed that no adverse impact on water flow or circulation in the harbor would be created by the project design. The commission determined that the structure would cause no safety or navigational hazard for boats. Mr. Smith motioned that

the proposal be approved. Commissioners Vermilya, Gorby, Dixon, Smith and Johnstone voted yes for approval; Commissioner Banister recused himself.

3. Applicant Meryl Wiener for a new 90 ft. pier and boat lift at Wamphassuc Point, Stonington Harbor. Mr. Banister motioned to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 upon a motion by Mr. Smith. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously.

Submitted by Jean D. Dixon

*Action Item

Attachment A
Stonington Harbor Management Fund

	<u>January</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Miscellaneous Program Income	0.00	0.00
Mooring Fees	340.00	340.00
Total Revenue	340.00	340.00
Personnel Services		0.00
Professional Services		0.00
Postage		0.00
Advertising		0.00
Consumable Supplies		0.00
Harbormaster Expenses	1,736.60	1,736.60
Legal Fees		0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		0.00
Equipment and Repairs		0.00
Total Expenditures	<u>1,736.60</u>	<u>1,736.60</u>
Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,396.60)	(1,396.60)
Cash Available to Harbor Commission		16,851.98
Cash Reserved for Harbor Boat		200.00
Cash Reserved for New Dock		9,840.00

Attachment B

Harbormaster Report

March 8, 2010

New Mooring permits issued: 0

Moorings being given up (this month): 1 (Galindo S-34)

New Mooring assignments offered: 0

Additions to Waiting List: 0 Total: 148

Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 2600 (2010 YTD = \$2600)

Mooring Renewal Status:

Renewals sent: 275 (272 private, 3 commercial (114 DBY, 11 DD, 5 CC)) 402
total

Replies to date: 116 Approved

24 Pending

134 Not received (2 Returned undeliverable (resent to new
address))

1 Given up

Stonington Harbor Yacht Club will be holding a flare demonstration and training on 22
May 2010 at SHYC and Stonington Point. This will be open to the general public.

Robert G

December 12th the boat was placed in the Velvet Mill Building for winter storage.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Donch

Stonington Harbormaster