

FINAL
Town of Stonington, CT
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2011
7:00 PM
Stonington Police Public Meeting Hall

A regular meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held on Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Stonington Police Public Meeting Hall. Attending were Chairman Peter Vermilya, Alan Banister, Sherman Crites, Jean Dixon, Rodney Johnstone, William Geary, Harbormaster Eric Donch and Assistant Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks. George Kenyon, Jesse Diggs and Ed Smith did not attend.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Chairman Vermilya.

II. Minutes

Mr. Banister motioned to accept the minutes of the January 10, 2011, meeting as written and Mr. Crites seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. The modular format was discussed and approved as needed.

III. Correspondence

Chairman Vermilya reported the following correspondence:

A) Out of Jurisdiction

1. Proposed floating dock, Masons Island

In Jurisdiction

1. CT DEP statement that an application fee of \$187.50 has been paid for a COP for the SHMP Tie-Off Piling relocation permit.
2. CT DEP approval for Dodson's Boatyard to install a new service dock/dinghy float, relocate a lift pier and pursue dredging.
3. Application to the CT DEP by Diederick van der Velde for seawall and dock modifications at 55 Church Street, Stonington Borough, east side.
4. Application to the CT DEP by the Town of Stonington for COP to relocate tie-off piles.
5. Invoice from Docko for preparation of paperwork and filing of permit for tie-off piles (Item #4).

IV. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Dixon summarized the Treasurer's Report for January 31, 2011

(Attachment A.). Mr. Banister motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Geary seconded and the motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that expenditures would not require additional Commission approval unless the expense had not been included in the 2011 budget.

V. Harbormaster's Report

The Harbormaster's Report, February 14, 2011 was presented by Harbormaster Donch (Attachment B)

a) Status of Moorings

HM Donch reported that 22 new mooring offers were accepted and confirmed (Attachment C) for mooring permits in 2011. Two offers passed and, according to policy, remain in a senior position on the wait list for one year to enable the applicant to resolve issues.

2011 renewal applications were mailed on January 18 and are due back on March 31. The response rate will be evaluated at the March meeting and follow-up by the Commission will be determined. The Wait List will be updated for publication in early spring to reflect recent new mooring assignments.

b) Don's Dock reported that during Transient Buoy servicing, the condition of the stainless cable was evaluated as requested and found to be in good condition.

c) HM Donch expanded on his discussion with Cianbro who is conducting the bridge replacement project. He and AHM Estabrooks will continue to monitor and address any potential impact that the construction equipment/barges have on established moorings.

There will be a scheduled 56 hour period during which the installation of the new bridges will require shutdown of train and boating traffic. In order to minimize impact on those boaters who regularly use the bridge openings from the north, HM Donch has proposed to Cianbro that temporary floating docks be installed at shore sites on the south side where boaters can temporarily secure and use their boats during this period.

d) *Mr. Vermilya will contact Gwenmor Marine and request that they contact HM Donch when work begins on the Harbormaster Dock.

e) AHM Estabrooks recommended that GPS coordinates be mapped to an SHMC website-specific map as the Town will not map them to its site map. He reported that the coordinates being recorded by service providers during inspection are being held in the SHMC database.

Mr. Banister motioned to accept the Harbormaster's Report as written and Mr. Crites seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Old Business

A) Harbor Management Plan Review

Review and update of the plan continued at Section 5, "Application for a Mooring Permit" and is summarized as follows; further discussion of "Wait List Policy" was deferred to the next meeting.

1. Replace 51% ownership of vessel requirement for mooring permit with majority ownership. Include definition of "Majority Ownership" in glossary. Include "Majority Ownership Affidavit Form" format as attachment.
2. Review and update of definition, precedence and procedure for applying littoral property owner rights to the mooring permit process. The littoral mooring permit will become invalid when the property owner sells the property associated with the permit.
3. The HM shall use his discretion in assigning mooring spaces as temporary or permanent considering space and vessel size; a temporary assignment will not cause a person to move his boat during a boating season.

The review session ended with further review of the Plan Update to resume at "Wait List Policy" and Section 8 "Mooring Records" during the next meeting.

B) Mooring Status

Covered under Harbormaster's Report.

C) Slow/No Wake Harbor Ordinance

Mr. Banister stated that Mr. Habarek considers March a possibility for the Town Meeting and vote on the Slow/No Wake Harbor Ordinance.

D) Harbormaster Boat Mission Statement

Deferred discussion.

E) Harbormaster Boat/Pump out Boat Dock Project

Chairman Vermilya reported that the project is on schedule. Mr. Vermilya will request that Gwenmor Marina contact HM Donch when construction begins.

F) Review of Remaining Capital Expense Items for the 2011 Budget.

Deferred discussion.

VII. New Business

No new business was reported.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 upon a motion that was proposed by Mr. Johnstone, seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously.

Submitted by Jean D. Dixon

*Indicates action items

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New Mooring permits issued: See page 2
Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments offered: See page 2
Additions to Waiting List: 0 Total: 206
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$ 0 (2011 YTD = \$0)

Mooring Renewal Status:

Renewals sent: 286 (283 private, 3 commercial (114 DBY, 11 DD, 5 CC)) 416 total

With cold weather, I am monitoring "Marmion" for any signs of "breaking up" as this may be the best way to get her out of the harbor.

Mooring renewals mailed on January 18th.

Dodson Boatyard has agreed to renumber their moorings in the harbor to conform to our numbering scheme. Don's Dock and Cardinal Cove will be asked to do the same.

Meet with Bill Lovely, Cianbro manager, who will be overseeing the railroad bridge replacement project. Cianbro expects to sign the contract for the work in the near future. Work will begin in late March and is scheduled to be completed by September. There may be short periods of time where the bridges will be impassable to vessel traffic. A schedule will be provided once the contract is signed.

Robert G

The spring commissioning work has been completed and the boat is back in the Velvet Mill.

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster

Location	Previous	L X D	Comment	New	L' x D' From	Status
N-37			Empty	John Morris	#17	Confirmed
T-34			Empty	Miles Meader	R-34	Confirmed
N-24	Charles Buck	23 x 3	fill with temp ?			
S-34	Dario Galindo	24 x 3	go big	Robert Wilkins	36 x 6 #15	Confirmed phone
S-31	Edward Schepp	26 x 4	go big	Stephen Torrey	42 x 5 #18	Confirmed
S-53	John McKinney	39 x 6	go big	M. Ghent-Orzolek	40 x 5 #8	Confirmed
P-22	Margret / Colin Revill	23 x 3	good J24 type	Walter Johnsen	24 x 4 #1	Confirmed
N-66	Ted Martin	24 x 4	good J24 type			
N-?			new	Peter Cummin	20 x 2 #12	Confirmed phone
N-?			new	Alvin Zilz	20 x 2 #14	Confirmed
N-?			new	Andrew Berman	20 x 4 #2	Confirmed phone
N-?			new	Sherman Crites	20 x 3 #22	Confirmed
N-68			new	Jesse Diggs	22 x 2 #24	Passed
N-?			new	William Hargreaves	17 x 1 #3	Passed
N-77			new	Jason White	13 x 1 #4	Confirmed
N-?			new	John Seremet	20 x 1 #5	Confirmed
N-78			new	Nils Dahl	15 x 2 #9	Confirmed
S-?			new Near G. Kenyon Dock	Cary Burgess	25 x 4 #11	Confirmed phone
R-55			new between R-54 and DBY S-26	Jane/Roger Bonner	28 x 5 #21	Confirmed
V-11	William Borque		over crowded area	none		
V-21	Frank Intellisano		over crowded area	none		
V-35	James Robins	26 x 3	over crowded area	none		
Y-13			over crowded area	none		
Y-47			over crowded area	none		
S-37	Tom Crimmons	21 x 5		Sonja Ziluca-Lucas	34 x 4 #13	Confirmed phone
R-66	James / Julia Farrell	8 x 1 ?		George Zvara	30 x 5 #16	Confirmed
N-64	Randolph Minor	32 x 4		Donald Piccoli	28 x 4 #19	Confirmed
S-17	Flint			Victor Liburdi	28 x 3 #20	Confirmed
S-43	Tony Inzero	34 x 5		Alvin Fryxell	37 x 5 #23	Confirmed
R-34	Miles Meader	46 x 9		Mike Doucette	37 x 6 #26	Confirmed phone
Q-44	Bill Morris	32 x 4		Anton Sattler	36 x 4 #27	Confirmed
S-42	Ovida Carter	34 x 4				