

Town of Stonington
Stonington Harbor Management Commission
May 14, 2012
7:00 PM

Stonington Police Station Public Meeting Hall

FINAL

The regular meeting of the Stonington Harbor Management Commission was held 5/14/12. Attending were Chairman Peter Vermilya, Rodney Johnstone, Bruce MacKinnon, Jesse Diggs, Jean Dixon, Peter Tacy, Ed Smith, Sherman Crites, George Kenyon, Harbormaster Eric Donch and Assistant HM Charles Estabrooks.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Vermilya at 7:00 PM. Mr. Crites moved that the consideration of item 6b, Updated Harbor Management Plan, be discussed at the start of the meeting. Mr. MacKinnon seconded and the motion passed.

Ms. Dixon summarized the updated plan and ordinance, emphasizing that they need to be coupled and considered together. All concerns and final revisions of committee members were discussed. Mr. Diggs proposed seven changes, six of which were adopted, Mr. Crites suggested two changes, both approved, Mr. Smith, three changes, also adopted, and Mr. MacKinnon one change, adopted.

Ms. Dixon moved the Plan and Ordinance be approved, Mr. Johnstone seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The Commission members commended the Plan subcommittee for a job well done.

2. MINUTES

Mr. Crites moved to accept the minutes of the April 9, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vermilya commended Ms. Dixon for her exceptional work as secretary and the Commission members all agreed. Since Ms. Dixon has stepped down from the secretary's role in order to be able to have more input at the meetings, Mr. Vermilya will contact the Town and other commissions (e.g. Mystic Harbor Commission) to arrange for hiring a paid secretary for the Commission.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Out of jurisdiction:

There was no out of jurisdiction correspondence

(b) In jurisdiction

A letter was received from Mr. Ed Habarek, Stonington Board of Selectmen, advising that George Kenyon had been appointed for another three year term on the Harbor Management Commission.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Crites presented the treasurer's report.

Ms. Dixon moved to accept the treasurer's report, Mr. Tacy seconded and the report was unanimously accepted.

5. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT

The Harbormaster's Report was considered, a date was corrected and Mr. MacKinnon moved to accept as

amended, Mr. Crites seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

(a) Mooring Grid Project Report

Mr. Johnstone reported that Jeff Dunn is working to apply GPS coordinates to the grid. Mr. Donch will review the grid and make necessary adjustments to the pattern. As soon as the grid is refined, the first moves of moorings will occur in autumn, 2012. Mr. Donch estimates that 20-30 moorings will be assigned this year. He reiterated that those assignments may not be to the first 20 or 30 on the waiting list since assignment depends on boat size, depth of water, etc. However, no one on the waiting list will lose his or her priority position.

(b) The proposal for a mooring reserved for Commission and Harbormaster discretionary use was cancelled.

6. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Harbormaster's Boat

Mr. Diggs reported on the status of the Harbormaster's boat. He requested that \$7,000.00 be reserved for repairs to the existing boat to be made this coming winter, and then the balance of any reserve funds be set aside to begin funding for a new boat within the next five years. The Commission will consider ways to increase revenue in order to fund necessary projects such as boat repair or purchase in the future.

Mr. Diggs moved that \$7,000.00 be set aside for repairs, Mr. Crites seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

(b) Mr. Estabrooks reported on the progress of the web update. He continues to work on the purchase of a new computer necessary to allow the web update to be accomplished.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to consider

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Crites moved to adjourn, Mr. Johnstone seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce MacKinnon, acting secretary