



Stonington Harbor Management Commission

June 10, 2013

Minutes



Stonington Police Dept. Community Room

In attendance: Messrs. Spalding (chair), Smith, MacKinnon, Johnstone, O'Neill, Diggs, Tacy. Absent: Messrs. Crites, Kenyon. Also present: Mr. Donch (Harbormaster), Mr. Estabrooks (Deputy Harbormaster).

1. Mr. Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Mr. Johnstone moved the approval of the minutes of the May 13 meeting, seconded by Mr. Smith. Approved unanimously.
3. Per published notice, public comment was invited on a Commission proposal to increase the private mooring fee in Stonington Harbor to \$50 as of the 2014 season. A "Fact Sheet" (see Fact Sheet) prepared by the Treasurer, Mr. Crites, was distributed. Mr. Spalding remarked that with annual revenue restricted to fee payments, the present fee level leaves the SHMC "no money to improve things" or even to pay for the research and analysis that could lead to improvements. No public comment was offered. Mr. Spalding announced that this proposal will therefore go to the next scheduled Town Meeting for approval.
4. Correspondence:
 - A. Out of Jurisdiction: Mr. Spalding noted the receipt of correspondence from Messrs. Mastroianni, Larson, Serafin, Van Winkle and Vargas regarding actions proposed or underway. There was no discussion and no action was required.
 - B. In Jurisdiction: a progress report on Certificate of Permission sought by KMMF LLC (Osbrook Pt.) was received.
5. Treasurer's report
A written report (see report) was circulated. Mr. Johnstone moved its acceptance; Mr Diggs seconded. Acceptance was unanimous.
6. Harbormaster's report
A written report (see report) was circulated. By Mr. Donch. There followed an extended discussion regarding how to manage the US Coast Guard's deposit on the Harbormaster's dock of a damaged boat towed there in the course of a rescue at sea. Mr. Donch has been in contact with the owner and with DEEP officials about what steps should be taken to remove this boat; he will keep Commissioners informed. Mr. Donch is investigating ways to make the "Robert G" Harbormaster's boat more able to survive rough weather when tied up to its present dock. Several alternatives are being considered; he is consulting with Messrs. Johnstone and Diggs about them. Mr. Diggs asked if the Commission might pre-approve a reasonable expenditure to

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implement a solution now, rather than wait until July to act. Mr. Johnstone moved approval of up to \$500 for this purpose, seconded by Mr. Tacy. Approval was unanimous. Mr Smith then moved acceptance of the Harbormaster's report, seconded by Mr. MacKinnon. Acceptance was unanimous.

7. Old Business:

- A. Mr. Diggs reported that at a recent meeting, DEEP expressed support for use of BIG grant funds to refurbish / add toilets and showers for transient boaters, and marker buoy replacement and upgrading.. The Town will take the lead in this process; the Borough government will be supportive. Some commitment by SHMC will be needed also. However, nothing will happen in the current fiscal year.
- B. Mr. MacKinnon reported that new marker buoys will be here within a week. Mr. Diggs suggested that we it clear to the Town officers who will write the BIG proposal that we will need \$10,000 for mooring-grid expenses in the coming year.
- C. There followed (re. mooring grid progress) a discussion on how to monitor contractor progress on moving commercial moorings onto the new grid locations. Mr. Donch will talk with them to see if a simple reporting procedure can be agreed on.
- D. Mr. Tacy reported for the ad hoc committee investigating the possibility of repair and upgrading of the "Monsanto" (old, inner) breakwater that a substantial repair / enlargement of the wall was proposed to the Town 29 years ago, but no action followed. He will try to get the 1984 report from the Town. At the same time, it has been discovered that the Army Corps was ordered by Congress to abandon this structure, but specific details are lacking and there is some question as to who now has title to it. Mr. Spalding will ask the Town Attorney to research this question.

8. New business:

There is presently one vacancy on the Commission and another is expected (both must be Town nominees). Mr. Spalding is investigating candidates.

9. Public comment:

Mr. J. Hritz spoke to "thank the Commission" for hearing his concerns a month ago. He has seen the communication from NESS and also hopes they will come back to the Commission with a joint proposal. Mr. Diggs asked if he had reviewed the Commission's Wharfing-Out Guidelines; Mr. Spalding said he would send a copy to all parties who are proposing dock construction or repair actions.

10: Adjournment:

At 8:30 Mr. Smith moved adjournment, seconded by Mr. Johnstone. Approval was unanimous.

Jim Smith - chair

Report Date: 5/31/2013						
	Plan	Mar	Apr	May	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	18,828.75	16,734.35	26,239.48	19,501.59	18,828.75	18,828.75
Mooring Fees:	18,600.00	12,900.00	4,065.00	460.00	17,425.00	18,600.00
Miscellaneous Income:	200.00				0.00	200.00
Total Generated Funds:	37,628.75	29,634.35	30,304.48	19,961.59	36,253.75	37,628.75
Operating Expense:						
Mooring Admin:						
Mallings:	500.00		327.49		327.49	500.00
Telephone:	600.00				0.00	600.00
Computer Sftwr:	150.00				0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous:	100.00				0.00	100.00
Sub-Total:	1,350.00	0.00	327.49	0.00	327.49	1,350.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	800.00				0.00	800.00
Commissioning:	1,300.00				835.00	1,300.00
Storage:	600.00		275.40		275.40	600.00
Maintenance/Repairs:	1,000.00				0.00	1,000.00
Equipment:	500.00				0.00	500.00
Sub-Total:	4,200.00	0.00	275.40	0.00	1,110.40	4,200.00
Harbor Maintenance:						
Buoys Haul/Store:	600.00				525.00	600.00
Buoy/Mooring Service:	1,000.00				0.00	1,000.00
Signage:	200.00				0.00	200.00
Sub-Total:	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.00	1,800.00
Dock/Pumpout:						
Dock Eqpt./Maintenance:	100.00				0.00	100.00
Pumpout Eqpt./Maintenance:	100.00				0.00	100.00
Miscellaneous:	100.00				0.00	100.00
Sub-Total:	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Administrative:						
Supplies:	100.00				0.00	100.00
Professional Services:	900.00				0.00	900.00
Sub-Total:	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total Operating Expense:	8,650.00	0.00	602.89	0.00	1,962.89	8,650.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
Ordinance Update:	1,000.00				0.00	1,000.00
Admin Eqpt, Web Page (Charles):	500.00				0.00	175.00
Newsletter	1,500.00				734.40	800.00
Robert G (Major Refit)	7,000.00	3,394.87		5,468.33	8,863.20	9,900.00
New Motor	11,200.00		10,200.00		10,200.00	11,200.00
New SNW Buoys (2)	1,200.00				0.00	1,200.00
New Boat Fund:	640.00				0.00	640.00
Mooring Field Grid:	1,000.00				0.00	250.00
Total Project/Capital	24,040.00	3,394.87	10,200.00	5,468.33	19,797.80	25,165.00
Total Designated Funds	32,690.00	3,394.87	10,802.89	5,468.33	21,760.49	33,815.00
Undesignated Funds:	4,938.75	26,239.48	19,501.59	14,493.26	14,493.26	3,813.75
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300.00	Spending - June	319 - Day ads				
Harbor Boat Reserve - 640.00		1,000 - labor				