



Stonington Harbor Management Commission



August 12, 2013

Minutes

Attending: Chairman: Jay Spalding; Vice Chairman: Jesse Diggs; Commissioners: Ed Smith, Sherman Crites, Paul O'Neill, Peter Tacy; Harbormaster Eric Donch. Absent were Commissioner Rod Johnstone, Bruce MacKinnon and Assistant Harbormaster Charles Estabrooks. Two Town commissioner vacancies exist.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Spalding called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Stonington Police Station meeting room.

2. **Minutes:** The draft minutes from the July meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously with the following corrections:

- a) There were two Town vacancies due to the resignation of George Kenyon.
- b) The Slow-No-Wake buoys anchors will be Dor-Mor type, not Danforth (paragraph 6.a.iii).

3. **Correspondences:**

- a) Out of Jurisdiction (no review or approval required): None.
- b) In Jurisdiction (review and/or approval required):
 - i. DEEP has issued permit number xxx/xxxx-xxxx to the For the removal of detritus at the end of Ash Street.
 - ii. SHMC was copied on a letter from Mr. Gary Gerstein of 80 Water Street to CT DEEP requesting that an attached letter be enclosed with his application for a pier extension. The attached letter from Richard L. Easton Esq. states that Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12132 and the regulations of 28 CFR part 35 apply to the DEEP review of the Gerstein pier extension permit.

4. **Treasurer's Report (see attachment):** The Slow-No-Wake buoy invoices have been paid. The Harbormaster reimbursements will be paid this month.

The bills from Don's Dock for trailer storage and for services for the moving of moorings will also be paid this month. Mr. Smith moved acceptance, 2nd by Mr. Tacy and approved unanimously.

5. **Harbormasters' Report (see attachment):** In addition to the attached report, the following comments and discussions occurred:

- a) Two new mooring permits were issued.
- b) Harbormaster has made many attempts to contact the owner of the abandoned boat currently mooring to the HM Dock. The boat is leaking and must be pumped regularly in order to keep it afloat. The owner has not

responded to phone calls, text messages, emails or to a registered letter. The Post Office stated that one month is usually allowed for the delivery of a registered letter. Several viable options for hauling the boat were discussed, however due to the size and condition of the vessel it may be better to contract the service of hauling and transport to Dodson Boat Yard. Mr. Donch will contact the yard soon as possible. The Stonington Highway Department has agreed to accept the vessel at the Landfill. SHMC will likely incur fees if reimbursement by the vessel's owner is not received.

c) Harbormaster reported that the Slow-No-Wake sign was re-installed on Sandy Point.

d) The new Slow-No-Wake buoys have been placed and the old buoys have been re-located.

e) The Transient Anchorage buoys have been emplaced however one buoy was in contact with a moored vessel and was re-located. There was minor scuff mark damage to the vessel which the owner is still attempting to buff out.

f) The towing bitt on the Robert G. Needs minor modifications, Mr. Donch will contact a local welding shop for this work.

g) Mr. Smith moved acceptance of the Harbormaster's report, 2nd by Mr. Diggs and approved unanimously.

6. Old Business:

a) Town Meeting: The meeting to request approval of the increase to the mooring fee for private moorings will be held on Monday, August 26. SHMC must announce any fee increase by September 1, 2013. Mr. Spalding will discuss the method of announcement with Cindy Ladwig.

b) Slow No-Wake (SNW) Markers: Covered under the Harbormaster Report above.

c) Monsanto Breakwater: Mr. Tacy reported the results of an investigation into the ownership of the breakwater; it appears that the State of CT is the owner. It was previously determined that the breakwater is not owned by Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), by the Town or by the Borough. The SHMC has interest in this breakwater for the safety the harbor, therefore Mr. Tacy will approach Senator Maynard and CT DEEP to propose an on-site meeting to discuss this issue.

7. New Business:

a) Review of Mooring Area Assignments: Each SHMC commissioner present has surveyed their area in the harbor and has either collated comments or has entered them into the Survey database.

b) Winter Stakes: Winter stakes should now be replaced by moorings however several were identified during the surveys, are still present and these were discussed with Harbormaster Donch.

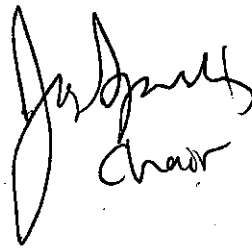
c) East Side Construction: The increase in permits on the east side of the harbor, south of Wayland Wharf was discussed. This issue will also be discussed during the proposed Monsanto Breakwater meeting with Senator

Maynard and CT DEEP.

d) Special Purpose Moorings: The four NESS Special Purpose Moorings are in place with vessels on three of the four. Mr. Diggs suggested that a policy be developed by NESS to address the use of these moorings with emphasis on the issue of public access.

8. Public Comment: No public comments received.

9. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was presented, seconded and unanimously accepted at 8:29pm.


Chair

Appendix A: Treasurer's Report

Report Date: 7/31/2013						
	Plan	May	Jun	Jul	YTD	Probable
Funds Generated:						
Balance Brought Forward:	18,828.75	19,501.59	14,493.26	14,174.26	18,828.75	18,828.75
Mooring Fees:	18,600.00	460.00			17,425.00	18,600.00
Miscellaneous Income:	200.00				0.00	200.00
Total Generated Funds:	37,628.75	19,961.59	14,493.26	14,174.26	36,253.75	37,628.75
Operating Expense:						
Mooring Admin:						
Mailings:	500.00				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	0.00	0.00	327.49	1,350.00
Boat:						
Fuel & Oil:	800.00				0.00	800.00
Commissioning:	1,300.00				635.00	1,300.00
Storage:	600.00				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	0.00	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	0.00	0.00	1,962.89	8,650.00
Approved Projects/Capital						
Ordinance Update:	1,000.00		319.00		319.00	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	5,468.33			8,863.20	9,900.00
New Motor	11,200.00				10,200.00	11,200.00
New SNW Buoys (2)	1,200.00			1,112.00	1,112.00	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	5,468.33	319.00	1,112.00	21,228.60	25,185.00
Total Designated Funds	32,680.00	5,468.33	319.00	1,112.00	23,191.49	33,815.00
Undesignated Funds:	4,938.75	14,493.26	14,174.26	13,082.26	13,082.26	9,819.75
Notes:						
Petty Cash Advance - 300.00	Spending - August	HM reimburse - 292.86				
Harbor Boat Reserve - 640.00		Port supply - 16.62				

Harbormaster Report
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New Mooring permits issued: 2 Moorings being given up (this month): 0
New Mooring assignments offered: 5 Additions to Waiting List: 0 Total: 231
Deposits to SHMC account since last report: \$200 (2013 YTD = \$17520)

6/1/13 a 26' Slickcraft was towed into Stonington Harbor by USCG for "Port of Refuge.

- The vessel is still on the pilings next to Harbormaster dock.
*Update 7/19 iaw CT General Statutes sec 15-11a. sent a registered letter to the vessel owner informing him he needs to remove the vessel or sign it over to me so that I can dispose of it. I have not yet received the return receipt for the mail.

Installed the "Slow - No Wake" Sign on Sandy Point.

The two new "Slow - No Wake" buoys have been installed and one of the old buoys relocated to "the cut" between the west end of breakwater and Wamphassuc Point

10016 Dormer

Four eastern "Transient Anchorage" buoys have been installed.

The vessel owner of new mooring 9Q reported damage to the transom of their vessel from a Transient Anchor Buoy. I looked at the vessel. It appears that the plastic cap on the buoy left marks on the hull. The owner is trying to buff the marks off with limited success. They are trying a different rubbing compound next and will keep me informed of the results. The buoy has been moved away from the vessel.

Robert G

Stainless working bit still needs to be altered and installed.

Respectfully Submitted

E-DJ

Eric Donch
Stonington Harbormaster