

July 12, 2010

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Ethan Grimes, Secretary/Treasurer; Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan; Arthur Medeiros and Randy Minor.

Bill Robinson and Mike Grimshaw were absent. Bob Guzzo and Bill Bomster members of the SNEFLA Board of Directors were present along with Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer, George Sylvestre, Dir. of Administrative Services, Karl Hammond of PARE Corp., Bob Bessette and several residents.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Sylvestre gave a brief history of the extension and the desire to see it completed with the primary goal being to protect the North Dock from wave action. He introduced Mr. Hammond, Managing Engineer for the Stonington Town Dock extension plan. Mr. Hammond went over the plans, leaving several for members' perusal. He asked that they take a few weeks and then provide input. Mr. Guzzo and Mr. Bomster received plans and will discuss with the other SNEFLA members at their July 19 meeting. Mr. Hammond agreed to provide a list of questions for their discussion and input.

Mr. Sylvestre mentioned that the funding is still uncertain but a plan has been devised to complete the extension in sections. The 10,000 square foot extension is an estimated \$3.5 million (construction only).

Previous minutes

Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Mr. Medeiros seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$1075. Mr. Medeiros seconded and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

Dock Area housekeeping – Mr. Medeiros reported that all is ongoing.

Maintenance items – Landscaping has been done at the fuel tank which has enhanced the area.

Donahue Park -- The completion date has been scheduled for the 13th of August and River glow. The gazebo will stay but the benches will be removed from its interior. Police attention has increased.

New Business -- Nothing to report.

Correspondence - None

Dog Park

Mr. Grimes addressed the eleven residents present with regard to the Dog Park. Mr. Grimes briefly described his July 9th meeting with First Selectman Habarek, Joe Bragaw and those residents voicing concerns and complaints about the Park area. He then read in detail the notes of his experiences while visiting the park up to 5 times a day for several days. He added that he always takes the opportunity to speak with the other dog owners. Mr. Minor added that he has occasionally visited the Park and agrees that it is well taken care of. Mr. Grimes mentioned an incident the other day whereby he witnessed a neighbor of the park screaming at a patron. Several residents present confirmed the harassment by this resident with property bordering the park. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan as well as others present spoke in favor of the park to protect the rights of the animals as well as providing a sense of community. Mr. Minor made a motion to leave the Dog Park as is based on research and wide borough support. Members have been unable to substantiate complaints. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Minor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Medeiros seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer