

April 11, 2011

The Waterfront Commission held a regular meeting on this date at the Town Dock meeting room. Members present were Sandy Grimes, Chairman; Bill Robinson, Arthur Medeiros; Randy Minor; Mike Grimshaw and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan. Ethan Grimes was absent. First Selectman Ed Haberek was also present.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

#### **Previous minutes**

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting with a correction to his name on *Page 2, Old Business, Donahue Park flag*. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Chairman Grimes tabled this item and the Treasurer was not present.

#### **Old Business**

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

Maintenance items – There is work going on at the dock, Mr. Grimshaw stated this is the sewer pump out being installed. Members discussed the nice dock built for the harbormaster. Mr. Minor reported that the slip at the end (where police boat used to dock) with decking that faces West is shaky and should be looked at.

Donahue Park – Members received an email from Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works with an update on the flagpole. There are issues that need to be addressed by the contractor John O'Keefe and CT flagpole. Members agreed again that they prefer to have the Town monitor the raising and lowering of the flag. Mr. Haberek confirmed that this would be done. Mr. Haberek added that he has spoken with Mr. Moffett ( landlord of apartment building abutting park) regarding the dogs that live in the building using the park.

Dog Park issues – Mr. Grimes stated that he received several suggestions from Mr. Minor at the dog park, such as moving the entrance, a screening tree, signage and possible monitoring. It was confirmed by all present that to date no one has validated the complaints regarding the park. Members also discussed the playground on the other side of the complainants and issues this must generate. Mr. Haberek stated that he has drafted a letter with the Town Attorney as he has received numerous harassing calls, texts and emails in the past month. He has instructed the attorneys to work on a solution. Mr.

Minor made a motion that the Commission has no change on their original stance, as a concession they are willing to change the signage. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

### **New Business**

Mr. Haberek provided the members with a printout for the *Stonington Rocks Donahue Park Summer Concert Series*. There are currently three Friday concerts planned beginning July 15, 2011 with a ribbon cutting ceremony that afternoon. He hopes that this will rejuvenate the downtown. He added that Recreation funds would offset some expenses as the Stage, lights and sound are contracted, but sponsorship opportunities are being pursued as well as opportunities for revenue generation. He hopes that this will become an annual signature event in Donahue Park.

Mr. Minor made a motion on behalf of the Commission that they support and approve this endeavor. Mr. Medeiros seconded and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw requested WFC approval to pay the balance of an invoice from Helios Power and Control LLC. The total invoice of \$12,508.00 was to replace damaged 40 hp Copeland refrigeration compressor. Insurance covered \$10,008 leaving a balance of \$2500.00. Mr. Medeiros made a motion to approve the transfer of \$2500 from the Wharfage to the Working account. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grimshaw reported that the beams on the east end were to be checked out. He added that he has been in contact with Billy Love at Atlantic Marine and is waiting on more information; he believes that project was to have started in March.

### **Correspondence**

Letter received from the Stonington Village Improvement Association requesting permission to use the Stonington Town Dock field on Saturday mornings from May 7<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Farmers Market. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Minor seconded and voting was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Minor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**



Ethan Grimes  
Vice Chair/Treasurer