

July 9, 2012

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; Randy Minor; Bill Bomster, Mike Grimshaw and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan. Reiva Grimshaw was absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Previous minutes**

Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

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

Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. The balance in the WFC account is \$1075.00 for FY 2012-2013. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **New Business**

Peter Semolic of the Stonington Small Boat Association was present to discuss a possible safety issue near the breakwater. The SSBA would like to extend the fence but there is currently no means for support as the riprap is unstable. Mr. Semolic stated that SSBA has a total cost estimate of \$900.00 to install steel rods into the existing seawall for fence support. A discussion ensued as to the exact location of the area in question. It appears; according to the maps in the dock office; that the area is not part of the SSBA leased area. It was by unanimous consent that the final determination should come from the Town Building Official as to the necessity of a fence.

#### **Old Business**

Town Dock structural and electrical issues – Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw was present. He informed the members that he had information regarding the Gambardella building, the electrical issues and the parking lot.

- Gambardella building - Mr. Bragaw stated that a few months back SNS Electric replaced brackets in an area under the building and noticed deterioration. GNCB Consulting Engineers, P.C. a structural engineering firm was hired to perform a structural evaluation of the conditions at the southern side of the building and continuing west to the end of the wood decking. The area of particular interest consists of the seawall and superstructure framing below the footprint of the building. Mr. Bragaw stated that he was pleased with the findings by GNCB. While there is corrosion from the seawater and storms to the support structure a rough estimate allows approximately 10 more years of service. Mr. Bragaw added that regular monitoring occur to assess the condition.

He added that this was a draft evaluation report and advised that the next stage be determined, then obtain permits and secure funding.

- Electrical and parking lot issues - Mr. Bragaw stated that back during the electrical installation there were conflicts between the electrical engineer and contractor, and he would prefer to not deal with the contractor again. Water is settling in the handholds, he wants to raise the pavement. He added that he contacted SNS Electric for an estimate to splice (rewire) around the lot in conjunction with the paving. The estimate was considerably more than he had anticipated. Mr. Grimshaw asked for a copy of the estimate adding that this is possibly something the SNEFLA could split with the Town.
- Mr. Bragaw stated that he has met with the Dockmaster Eric Sylvestre and was very impressed. He seems to have a handle on all that is needed and policies that should be addressed.

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

Maintenance items – Mr. Grimshaw stated that they have revitalized the electric shed and have gotten ice machine #2 up and running.

Donahue Park – All members agreed it looks good. Changes and upgrades have been extremely well received and maintained.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Bomster made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethan Grimes  
Vice Chair/Treasurer