

September 10, 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; Reiva Grimshaw and Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan.

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

Previous minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Bomster made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$1000.00. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

New Business

Stonington Small Boat Association – Ed Dear and Tucker Bragdon, President were present at the request of the Commission to provide the membership mail list as of August 2012, 2011 financial report, current SSBA rules and proof of insurance.

Mr. Dear addressed the issue of the request from Pete Semolic for a fence and railing at the SSBA area. He stated that they heard back from Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works and Wayne Greene, Building Official who does not believe a fence was necessary if kayak rack #3 was moved. The members were notified and the rack was moved.

Mr. S. Grimes asked if the membership would be willing to donate to the SNEFLA again this year. Mr. Grimshaw stated that any donation would be added toward scholarships from SNEFLA for SHS graduates. He added that the scholarships have already been awarded this year so a donation to the Stonington Community Center fundraiser would be greatly appreciated. Mr. Bragdon and Mr. Dear did not see any complication with this request and asked for a request letter.

Mr. S. Grimes stated that he would like to see Stonington resident addresses on the list. Mr. Dear said that they were provided with a mailing list and some of the SSBA members were not full time residents. Mr. S. Grimes commented on the growing membership and inquired as to whether there were space issues. Mr. Dear said yes, especially with kayaks.

Mr. Minor made a motion to approve renewal of the three year Lease between the WFC and SSBA for a fee of three (\$3.00) dollars. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Mr. Bragdon and Mr. E. Grimes will meet at Town Hall to sign the lease and have it notarized.

Old Business

Dock Area housekeeping – Mr. Grimshaw and Mr. Bomster reported that the power shed has been rebuilt, they are waiting on materials for the roof repairs, power washing was done, and work on the ice machine continues. An alarm system has been installed for the Dock office. Mr. Grimshaw added that if individual boat owners wish to purchase cameras to tie into the system; that is available.

Maintenance items – Included above.

Town Dock structural and electrical issues – Mr. Grimshaw reported that they are waiting on the final survey but the work mentioned above is addressing some of the issues.

Mr. S. Grimes asked if the sailboat traffic was any better in the channel. Mr. Grimshaw stated that is a little better.

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

New Business

Mr. Grimshaw asked the Commission for authorization to transfer funds from the Wharfage to the Working Account to cover the costs for the power shed and roof repairs. Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to approve a transfer from the Wharfage Account to the Working Account totaling \$5400.00 to cover the costs for new metal roofing of the SNEFLA dock office as well as power shed repairs. Mrs. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

A discussion ensued as to the New England Science and Sailing Foundation proposal for waterfront infrastructure. This includes a DEEP Boating Infrastructure grant to expand floating cement docks to service transient boats. Members agreed to gather additional information.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hayes-Houlihan seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer