

March 11, 2013

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; Reiva Grimshaw and Mike Grimshaw. Stephanie Hayes-Houlihan was absent.

Chairman Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Previous minutes

Mr. Bomster made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 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 \$625.00. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

Dock Area housekeeping/Maintenance – Mr. Grimshaw reported that all is ongoing. He has been meeting with the Department of Public Works Joe Bragaw regarding storm damage repairs. They are waiting for better weather and working on estimates for the power shed and Gambardella office. They are waiting on test results from the Fuel tank; it appears there may be algae there.

Mr. Grimshaw stated that he has been to the McGoogan office three times. Mr. Bomster and Mr. Grimshaw informed the members of the Dockmaster changes. They are trying the position as part time. They have Tony Correia working with Wally Krupinski.

Dock structural and electrical issues – There are two transit issues. Circuits have burned out in the meter system resulting in accurate readings.

Donahue Park – All members agreed it looks good.

Passive Recreation Open Space – previously listed as Dog Park – Mr. S. Grimes informed the members that the gates were locked open again several times. He has spoken with First Selectman Haberek and reiterated that all calls or complaints be directed to the Waterfront Commission to address or respond.

Chairman Grimes informed the members that the Police, Selectmen and lawyers are meeting regarding the dog area and possible solutions.

New Business

Members discussed the SSBA damaged ramp; it appears to be completed. Members agreed to invite the Stonington Small Boat Association to attend the April meeting to present their annual information.

Correspondence

Chairman Grimes received a letter requesting permission from the Chairwoman of the Stonington Village Improvement Association to use the Town Dock on Saturday mornings from May 4 to October 26 for the Stonington Farmers Market. She went on to ask for the Commissions support, as they would like sole use of the Town Dock during the market hours to protect the investment members of SVIA make in the Market. The SVI A requests that the WFC not allow itinerant vendors not affiliated with the Stonington Farmers Market to vend at the Dock during Market hours. After a discussion, Mr. Minor made a motion to approve the continuation of the SVIA Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from May 4 to October 26. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion to continue the market. Members were unanimously not in support of the sole use request. Chairman Grimes stated that he would speak with the First Selectman and it was agreed that the clerk would send the annual permission granted reply be sent to the SVIA.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Minor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bomster seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer