

April 15, 2013

The Waterfront Commission held a special 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 6:10 p.m.

Previous minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The balance in the WFC account is \$475.00. Mr. Grimshaw seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Stonington Small Boat Association

Mr. Ed Dear and Mr. Tucker Bragdon were present to meet with the Commission regarding the 2013 season. Mr. Dear provided for the members the 2012 Financial Report, a current Certificate of Liability Insurance and the Member list. Members noticed a dramatic increase in the insurance costs. Mr. Bragdon stated that they would shop around. Mr. Dear stated that they would be meeting with a contractor tomorrow to finish repairs at the ramp and SSBA area. The Town did not configure the concrete completely. He added that there is erosion under the boat racks that needs to be addressed. They plan to use the repair reserve to cover the costs. May 4, 2013 is the deadline for member sign up. The SSBA Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2013. Mr. Minor made a motion to accept the SSBA documents. Mr. Bomster seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Old Business

Dock Area housekeeping/Maintenance Items – Mr. Bomster stated that work has begun at the end of the dock. Mr. Grimshaw added that he has talked to Seaport Marine regarding work in the front at Gambardellas.

He met with DPW Joe Bragaw and Finance Director Maryanna Stevens to cover storm damage reimbursement and discussed the possibility of an automated fuel pump. He stated that all who currently use the fueling system would need to undergo training to meet insurance requirements.

Mr. Grimshaw added that the storm related damage to the Gambardella door system has been repaired. Ice machine repairs are ongoing.

He mentioned that the SNEFLA Board is in discussion to start an account for flood insurance. Mr. Bomster mentioned that there were two new dock masters working part time. Mr. Grimshaw added that hours of operation would be increased as needed. There are other concerns that need to be addressed, such as the installation of cables and power hookup in the oil room but the first priority is the dock work.

Donahue Park – All members agreed it looks good.

New Business

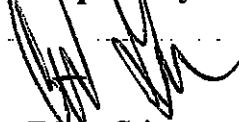
Mr. Grimshaw presented the two paid invoices totaling \$1487.84 to repair the storm related damage to the door system at Gambardellas. Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1487.84 from the Wharfage Account to the Working Account. Mr. Minor seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Bomster informed the members that at the recent SNEFLA Annual Meeting the Association welcomed several new boat members from Montauk.

Chairman Grimes brought up the interest by St. Mary's Church to be a part of the Blessing of the Fleet. He stated that Mike Crowley, Chair of the event wants to have a mass, a procession from the church to the dock and a picnic at the dock. Mr. Grimshaw replied that the Association currently has a mass, has the Bishop bless the boats and a boat carries out the floral anchor. The Blessing was reduced considerably many years ago because of the costs and they were getting away from the intent of the day. They discussed police costs, which could be generated with a procession. Mr. Grimshaw stated that he has not been contacted by anyone from St. Mary's. He has heard conflicting details with regard to their plan. Chairman Grimes stated that the storm damage repair work at the end of the dock has begun because of the plans for a St. Mary picnic. Mr. Minor made a motion to call the St. Mary event the *Fishermen's Memorial Celebration*. Mr. E. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. E. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bomster seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ethan Grimes
Vice Chair/Treasurer