

Approved Minutes – April 27, 2010 Westbrook Harbor Commission Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.

Attendees: Bill Angelini, Michael Farrell, Brian Faucher, Rita Lehto, Keith Rich, John Rie and Ron Stevenson.

Also present: Noel Bishop, First Selectman, Len Mierzejewski, Harbor Master

Absent: Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**BILLS:**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

The scenic outlook surveys distributed at the last meeting were collected.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 2010:**

Upon a motion of the minutes of the March 23 meeting by Ron Stevenson and seconded by Brian Faucher, it was so voted unanimously.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The chairman reported on the plans for the Currituck to dredge the outside channel in a period of 10 days to full width and a depth of 8+1 feet. A press conference will be held after the beginning of the dredging, with town officials, state legislators, and Congressman Joe Courtney attending. The date of the conference was determined by Congressman Courtney's office.

Len Mierzejewski, Harbor Master, reported that the channel will be dredged from approximately 280 feet south of the south end of the breakwater to about 150 feet north of the south end of the breakwater. That dredging should eliminate the critical bottlenecks in the channel. Len indicated that he will request that the Currituck be scheduled every 5 years, and that he would send a written request to the ACOE to that effect. Noel Bishop indicated that he would do the same as First Selectman.

The idea of changing the meeting time from 7:30 PM to 7 PM was discussed. Commission members felt that there was not need to change the time.

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The dock application process was discussed, as it is cumbersome, slow, and inefficient. The current method of approving docks which cross harbor lines using a common sense method, leads to a requirement for a public hearing for each dock. The commission decided to further investigate how such approvals could be simplified and codified without altering the harbor lines. Threaded in this discussion was the idea of changing the commission from the Westbrook Harbor Commission to the Westbrook Harbor Management Commission. Copies of local and state codes relating to both the harbor lines and Harbor Management Commission were distributed. Further discussion will happen in future meetings.

There was also a brief discussion of the fact that the Harbor Commission has been requested to provide input for the Westbrook Plan of Conservation and Development.

On a motion by Michael Farrell, seconded by Ron Stevenson, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. and it was so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerri Lewis, Clerk  
For John Rie, Chairman