

Westbrook Harbor Management Committee
Minutes of **Special Meeting** – Tuesday, September 11, 2012
Mulvey Municipal Center, South Conference Room

The Special Harbor Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Farrell. Attendance was taken, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Mike Farrell, Chairman; Brian Fauchier, Bill Angelini, Gary Nolf, Interim Harbor Master, Bruce Lawrence, John Rie, Keith Rich, Torrence Downs, Ron Stevenson and secretary, Joan Angelini.

Item Number One: Removal of Moorings for Dredging Project

Discussion: Committee decided a letter needs to go out to all current mooring holders advising them that all moorings must be removed at their own expense no later than October 15, 2012. Additional discussion stating that some of the moorings were not changed the last time and that there will be a charge of \$200.00 to put the mooring in and \$200.00 to take the mooring out. Mike Farrell agreed he will draft a letter for everyone to review.

A motion was made and seconded: Chairman Farrell will draft a letter to all mooring holders; Mike and Brian will review and the final letter will go out. Motion made by Ron Stevenson; seconded by Brian Fauchier; voted by all and motion carried.

John Rie questioned Mike Farrell on whether the bids have been opened. Mike confirmed that they were opened on September 10, 2012 and he is waiting for Jack to come down here.

Brian Fauchier stated he is coming off the mooring list. Michael Farrell and Joan Angelini will review the current waiting list at some point in the near future to update all information.

Item Number Two: Torrence Downs provided copies of the proposed plan and reviewed with the committee, the goals and objectives of the Harbor Management Plan. Discussion of **Section 1:** Public Recognition of Westbrook Harbor Resources and Values. John Rie mentioned that Stonington Harbor Commission does a newsletter (copies were handed out to board members) that references a non-profit, states the reasons for the non-profit; one of the reasons being transparency of the commission, something to think about for the future of this Harbor Commission.

Section 2: Navigation – review of Items A through F; one addition “to ensure proper safety of all navigational aids”

Section 3: Objectives: Item c – include reference to Inland Wetlands (IWWC); Shellfish Commission. Also, use an example such as “one of the marinas wanting to expand.”

Item d) this is the language that DEEP wants to see in the Harbor Management Plan (Per Torrence)

Section 4: Public Access. Under objectives Item d) consider sights for benches/overlook or floating dock.

Section 6: Planning and Regulation of Waterfront Land Use: Objectives – John Rie recommends to Torrence to contact Tom O’Dell for language as he is the chair of the Conservation Commission for the town of Westbrook.

Section 8: Public Health, Safety and Welfare. Objectives a: include the language “covers whole harbor.”

John Rie states that he wants to address several more items but the commission does not have the next section to go over at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, Secretary