

APPROVED Westbrook Harbor Management Commission

Regular Meeting – September 28, 2010 - Minutes

Attending: John Rie, Chairman, Michael Farrell, Brian Faucher, William Angelini, Ron Stevenson, Keith Rich, and Alternate, Rita Lehto.

Absent: None

Also Attending: Len Mierzejewski, Harbor Master; Reeves Potts, Manager, Pilots Point Marina, Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Call to order:

Chairman John Rie called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M

Chairman Rie reported on a conversation that he had with the Treasurer's Office with regard to paying bills. The following motion was made:

Upon a motion to pay Finkledey on a monthly basis by Brian Faucher and seconded by Michael Farrell, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Minutes: August 24, 2010

Upon a motion by Michael Farrell to accept the minutes of August 24, 2010 and seconded by Brian Faucher, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Bills: None

Correspondence:

Chairman Rie reported on and discussed the schedule of Liebermann's visit and the print out of May Soundings after the dredging. He noted that he and the First Selectman will be composing a letter to send to the ACOE for the Spring dredging. This is further discussed later in the minutes.

Harbormaster's Report:

Harbormaster Mierzejewski reported on how the junction buoys work. He explained how M sign should be marked and this is dictated by the Coast Guard. A short discussion ensued and Brian Faucher asked for a copy of this documentation from the Coast Guard. Len said he would get that to him.

Chairman Rie discussed his hand out to the commission on his telephone conversation with Sr. Chief Geiman of the Coast Guard. He noted that Chief Geiman is in charge of the navigation buoys in LI Sound. He spoke with him on 9/27/10 about the markings for

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the back side of the channel division marker dividing the Menunketesuk and Patchogue Rivers. Chairman Rie presented Harry Ruppenicker's idea of a dolphin, with the two pilings upriver tied to the original one to make a triangle. The Menunketesuk piling
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would be marked with red, placed to be seen going downriver. And the Patchogue piling would be marked with green. Sr. Chief Geiman felt that would be ideal for this location if it would economically work.

Upon a motion by Michael Farrell to buy a sign and drive a stake or two in the shallow end and seconded by Ron Stevenson, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Chairman's Report

At this time, Chairman Rie noted the large print out of the Post Dredge Survey. He asked the commission to mark in pencil what they expected the Currituck to dredge in the Spring. He emphasized that we should be clear on what we needed. First Selectman Bishop and Chairman Rie will compose and send a letter to the ACOE from the Town and Chairman Rie will copy the marked up survey and send it out to ACOE as well. Chairman Rie noted that we have \$460K and hopefully we will be awarded another \$918K in the Spring. He noted that this project is being pushed by both Courtney and Liebermann. Chairman Rie also noted that we were the only commission that gave economic data on our application and this was a big part of the reason that we received grant monies.

Chairman Rie reported that he had a conversation with Gary Gavigan of the Board of Finance and Gary and he discussed a long range plan for the future would be appropriate. John also noted that the Harbor Management Plan needs to be completed to be incorporated in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

Harbor Master Mierzejewski reported that the no wake and rock buoys needed to get pulled. Pilots Point Marina will be doing this after November 1st.

Upon a Motion by Michael Farrell to have Pilots Point pull the buoys for \$250.00, and seconded by Brian Faucher, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Ron Stevenson offered to maintain the buoys.

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Chairman Rie again emphasized that everyone take a good look at the survey so that it can be marked up accordingly for the Spring. Everyone was in agreement that they marked it up appropriately and to their satisfaction.

Upon a Motion by Ron Stevenson for the Harbor Management Commission to generate a letter to the ACOE to get the Currituck back in the Spring, and seconded by Michael Farrell, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Old Business:

John brought up the Dock Ordinance which is, as he described, a town ordinance enforced by the Harbor Management Commission.

Upon a Motion made by Brian Faucher to refer the suggested language by John Rie for the dock ordinance to Attorney Michael Wells for review, and then back to HMC for adoption, was seconded by Michael Farrell.

Discussion: A short discussion on the wording and footage ensued.

There being no further discussion, the motion was so VOTED unanimously.

At this time, Rita Lehto inquired as to who maintains the Jetty, *as there is graffiti on it.* It was thought that the ACOE did. Rita will follow-up and report back to the commission.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion by Michael Farrell to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Brian Faucher, it was so VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully, Gerri Lewis, Clerk