

## **Unapproved Westbrook Harbor Management Commission**

### **Regular Meeting – June 26, 2011 – Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, John Rie.  
After the “Pledge of Allegiance” a role call was taken.

Present: Chairman, John Rie; Michael Farrell, Bill Angelini, Brian Faucher, Ron Stevenson, Rita Lehto and Gary Nolf.

Also in attendance: Deputy Harbor Master, Dave Russell; Acting Clerk Joan Angelini.

#### **Payment of Bills**

John Rie stated that \$558.75 was paid to Pilots Point for buoy placements and maintenance. A check was also issued to Finkeldey for \$6.00

#### **Minutes of last meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Michael Farrell and seconded by Dave Russell.

#### **Vice Chair Report-** None

#### **Chairman’s Report**

John Rie stated that there is a real issue with a jet skier on the Menenketeesuk. Also, there is a very large boat going very fast up and down the river. Suggestion made for a 5 mile per hour – no wake signs, two to be placed at the ramp and further up the river. Police are needed to patrol but police boat does not fit under the bridge. There was a discussion regarding placing a speed limit sign on a dock at Edd’s Place.

(Rita Lehto arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

John will speak to Noel regarding the signs. Dave Russell stated he does do two days per week in the marine patrol. Dave also stated that the #7 sign is missing and that #5 got hit too. Bill Angelini says he has pictures of what signs are in stock behind town garage in green building. A discussion was held regarding the red #6 piling which was removed for dredging. John Rie reported that he is waiting for the Army Corps survey to pinpoint an exact location to replace the piling. There was a brief discussion regarding the Barge required to replace the piling. It will cost \$1,200.00 for the barge to come from Essex and \$300.00 to put in the piling. The barge will be back in the fall to do other work, at which time the piling will be replaced.

The Bond Commission last Friday (June 22) was cancelled. Noel stated Joe Courtney was here on Saturday; Jenny Contois was contacted and so was Eileen Daily.

John informed Noel Bishop that there is not enough police presence on the water and Dave Russell added that there is not enough manpower to patrol the waters. Bill Angelini suggested contacting the DEP for assistance.

Rita Lehto asked where there are signs on the Patchogue River as she has not seen any. It was agreed that most of the problem is on the Menenketeesuck. All agreed that if anyone sees an issue, pick up the phone and call the barracks, Troop F or Dave Russell, Marine Patrol Dispatcher for the Town.

COP Application - Chairman Rie stated the Harbor Management Commission is not required to approve COP (Certificate of Permission) applications but they are approved by the state DEP.

Rock Buoy Locations - Chairman Rie sent an email on June 27, 2011 with a copy of the positions to be looked at. One needs to be left west of the Menenketeesuk. Dan Wagner volunteered Ron Stevenson to move it.

A motion to move the Rock Buoy was made by Ron Stevenson and seconded by Michael Farrell. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Proposed Change to Town Ordinance** – John asked for a motion and it was made by Brian Faucher and seconded by Mike Farrell. It was unanimously voted upon to change the ordinance As follows:

Above Route 1, on both the Menenketeesuk and Patchogue Rivers, there are docks which cross harbor lines.

A proposed ordinance to allow common sense placement of such docks should read as follows: “In some cases, harbor lines as recorded are inaccurate or the rivers have moved slightly since the harbor lines were drawn in 1985. In such cases, docks may be placed such that they cross harbor lines if:

- A minimum of a fifty foot space is available in the navigable channel to allow the safe passage of two boats in opposite directions.
- The unobstructed space in the preceding paragraph shall be measured from the outside edge of any boat moored to a float to the other side of the navigable channel, or the outside of any boat moored on any dock which might be directly across from the dock to be approved, whichever is the least distance.
- The docks must also meet all requirements of the CTDEP and USACE.

John Rie stated he will get copies of the proposed ordinance change to Town Attorney, Michael Wells and the DEP. Once this has been done, it will need to go to a Town Meeting.

**Complete formulation of regulations for Patchogue River Mooring Field –**

Rita Lehto made a motion to change LOD to LOA in Item number five (5) of the regulations for the Patchogue River Mooring Field. This was seconded and unanimously voted upon to change.

John Rie stated that the applications for mooring space in the Patchogue River Anchorage will be kept in the Town Clerk's Office for the Town of Westbrook. This was previously agreed to by Joan Angelini, Town Clerk.

Brian Faucher made a motion to accept the Town of Westbrook Mooring Regulations with the above change. The motion was seconded by Bill Angelini and the motion was voted upon unanimously.

A motion was made by Ron Stevenson to cancel the July meeting of the Harbor Commission due to lack of quorum. Motion was seconded by Michael Farrell and this was passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 pm by Brian Faucher and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, acting secretary for Gerri Lewis