



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Harbor Management Commission – Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Unapproved minutes

The regular meeting of the Westbrook Harbor Management Commission was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

Pledge & Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Mike Farrell. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll call were taken. In attendance: Chairman Mike Farrell, Brian Faucher, Harbor Master Bruce Lawrence, Gary Nolf, Keith Rich, Alternate member Jeff Gordon, John Rie and Ronny Stevenson. Absent: Bill Angelini and Dave Russell. Also in attendance: E. Torrance Downes of CRERPA and Rives Potts of Pilots Point; secretary, Joan Angelini.

Bills to be paid: Only bill was for 3 hours for secretary from March, 2014 meeting and minutes. Motion to approve made by Brian Faucher, seconded by Ronny Stevenson. Motion passed.

Minutes: the March 25, 2014 minutes were read and a motion to approve was made by Gary Nolf, seconded by Ronny Stevenson. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Chairman Farrell shared a letter received by Len Mierzejewski, Past Harbor Master and town resident, stating that he would be away for the summer and not using his mooring.

Second piece of correspondence shared by Chairman Farrell was from Northeast Diving Services of New Milford, CT. No action taken

New Business: Joseph Karpinski Dock Revised Plan. Chairman asked for a motion to approve the revised plan. Motion made by Gary Nolf, seconded by Keith Rich. Motion passed. Chairman signed off on application and the original was given to Keith Neilson from Docko, Inc, (who dropped by meeting to see if the commission had approved the application). A copy was kept for the commission records.

Beach Moorings: E.Torrance Downes has been corresponding with the Council of Beaches President Barbara Wolf on behalf of the Harbor Commission. Ms. Wolf has



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been challenging the ordinance regarding moorings and Torrance has agreed to attend the Council of Beaches Meeting in May with Harbor Commission member, Keith Rich.

Discussion regarding the changes: The Commission is in agreement that the Harbor Master has sole jurisdiction and the Harbor Commission is the authority and the Town Attorney Michael Wells has also reviewed the ordinance. The moorings need to be inspected annually.

Emergency Dredge Fund: Chairman Farrell addressed the question of “where did the money go” from the Harbor Commission’s Emergency Dredge Fund?” Chairman Farrell referenced a conversation he had with the Director of Finance, Andrew Urban and Paul Connelly, BOF Chairman when they stopped in at the February Harbor Commission meeting and during that conversation, Mr. Urban advised Chairman Farrell that he would be notified to come to a meeting during the budget process to discuss the \$25,000. Emergency dredge funding. Chairman Farrell did not know about the CIP being discussed and presented at the Annual Town Meeting of April 16th, 2014 and encouraged all the harbor commission members to attend the Budget Hearing on Wednesday, April 22nd to find out “where the money went?” The commission members estimate the town of Westbrook should have been funding this for the past, present and future fiscal years and now the amount should be \$75,000. (\$25,000.00 per f/y).

Harbor Master’s Report – Bruce Lawrence stated that all buoys must be registered with the coast guard. He received word that Buoys “M”, 5,6 & 10 are registered; Buoys 7 & 8 are not; 2,3,& 10 are in the names of Town of Westbrook and Noel Bishop; 2 & 3 are floating buoys.

Old Business: Harbor Management Plan. 1) A letter from R.E. Leighton, Agent to the Health Director to Meg Parulis, Town Planner, dated April 19, 2014 gave recommended changes regarding water and sewage, Section 8-81, 8-82, 8-83 and 8-84 of the Westbrook Code of Ordinances, Article IV, Marinas Section 8-82. John Rie made a motion to accept the recommendations in this letter and motion was seconded by Brian Faucher. The motion passed.

2) Definition of Beach Moorings. Under section 8.5d: A motion was made by Keith Rich and seconded by Gary Nolf to change language to read that all moorings shall be inspected very two years. Motion Passed



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3) Section 8.5h - the addition of two sentences as follows: L.O.A. shall be defined as "Total Length of the boat including the furthest fixed appendage forward and the furthest fixed appendage aft., including bow sprits, swim platforms, outboard motors, anchor rollers, etc.

John Rie thanked the Chairman and the committee for a job well done on getting the Harbor Management Plan done and ready to go before the town.

Torrance confirmed that this is the "last leg" of the plan to be corrected; Marybeth is sending a few minor corrections and maps and then the HMP should be finished.

Chairman Farrell asked the secretary to provide the commission members with a copy of the current Harbor Commission budget along with the minutes so that finances can be discussed at the May meeting.

Ronny Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. A second was made by Gary Nolf and the motion to adjourn was passed.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, Recording Secretary