



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the Westbrook Harbor Commission

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 27, 2012

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Mike Farrell; led pledge of allegiance and roll call was taken.

Members in attendance: Chairman, Mike Farrell, Brian Faucher, Bill Angelini, Harbor Master, Bruce Lawrence; Keith Rich, Gary Nolf, Torrence Downs, Ron Stevenson and John Rie.

A request to add item to the agenda by John Rie. Discussion of the storm damage To Menunketesuck Island and Duck Island. Chairman agreed to add item under new business.

Bills to be paid: An invoice for \$480.00 submitted by Ronny Stevenson for Buoy #10, Haul and Reset; two invoices for Hometown Sanitation for September, 2012 and October, 2012 for \$90.00 each; time card for secretary, Joan Angelini for a total of 6.75 hours covering October 23, 2012 meeting and minutes and November 28, 2012 one hour workshop and regular meeting for two hours. All invoices submitted were approved to be paid by the commission.

Minutes of October 23, 2012: Corrections to the minutes as follows: under Bills to be paid, correct language reads "Mooring holders have expressed dissatisfaction with having to pay for hauling moorings due to dredging."

Also, a correction to language under Harbor Master's Report, page two; "Brian agreed to email Rives Potts and remind him to pull Rock Buoys."

A motion was made to accept the minutes as corrected.

Correspondence:

Chairman Farrell received a copy of a Certificate of Permission Application form for the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection for seawall

restoration at 70 Captains Drive, Westbrook, CT. The applicant is Mr. Richard Jukonski. A copy will be kept on file.

Second piece of correspondence is a copy of an e-mail on dredging update from Timothy J. Rezendes from Army Corp. of Engineers. The e-mail states that dredging is $\frac{3}{4}$ complete; recent weather issues such as Hurricane, nor'easter and high winds have held up completion. Contractor should be complete somewhere around the third week in December, 2012.

New Business: Harbor Master Report

Bruce advised he received a call regarding a fixed pier breaking loose and running into the Osprey Nest. DEEP was called but Bruce with assistance from Brain Faucher and son, were able to move pier away from Ospreys.

Budget 2013-2014: Discussion included adding in \$5,000.00 for additional signage and will be referenced in the upcoming Harbor Management Plan's objectives. Discussion about including a line item for Boating Safety. A motion was made to include a line item called "Boating Safety & Enforcement" and fund this line item for \$5,000.00 Also, increase line item for Equipment to \$2,000.00 A Motion was made to include these items in the budget submission for 2013-2104 and was unanimously voted upon.

John Rie: John reported that Duck Island lost 25' of shoreline; damage to the east side and Menunketesuck Island is just as bad. John brought this to the attention of Tom O'Dell, Chairman of the Conservation Commission. There are three islands that incurred damage during the hurricane, Sandy; Duck Island, Menunketesuck and Salt Islands. There is interest in creating a joint management commission between DEEP and the Town of Westbrook. John wants to know if the Harbor Mangement Commission wants to be involved to assist with public awareness and create a constituency. John will keep the Harbor Commission informed.

Old Business: Whole Harbor Dredge 2012 Press Conference on December 10, 2012 at 11:00 am at Pilots Point. An email from Noel Bishop's Office will be going out inviting the Harbor Commission members.

Harbor Management Plan: A Review by Torrence Downs of the local planning effort for the local waters. He has met with Marybeth at DEEP and is putting together a final review. Torrence will include a map showing the area of authority and public access.

There was some discussion of the concerns of Private Docks; sideline setbacks; visual obstructions of scenic vistas and whether “dock permits” are handled by the town’s zoning office. Torrence had a discussion with Nancy Rudek, Town Zoning Officer regarding the dock permits.

There will be additional mooring information and dock information which Torrence is presently working on.

The Harbor Commission members thanked Torrence for all his hard work on this very important document.

The schedule of regular meetings for 2013 of the Westbrook Harbor Management Commission was accepted and schedule is attached. The regular meetings for 2013 will begin at 7:00 p.m. in lieu of 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the south conference room the 4th Tuesday of every month excluding July and December.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ronny Stevenson and seconded by Mike Farrell at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, Recording Secretary