



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK**  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Unapproved Minutes from March 22, 2016 – Harbor Commission Meeting

**Call to Order:** The regular scheduled meeting was called to order by Brian Faucher at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge:** The pledge of Allegiance was lead by Brian and roll call was taken.

**Roll Call:** Members in attendance were: Brian Faucher, Acting Chair; Bill Angelini, Gary Nolf, Evan Cusson, Ronny Stevenson, and new alternate, Lee McNamar. Also in attendance were harbormaster, Bruce Lawrence and asst. harbormaster, Dave Russell. Absent from meeting were Mike Farrell and Keith Rich. Guest, Rob Schickle to Present on Marsh view Marina.

**Bills to Approve:** Beebe Marine for \$7, 184.32 for Repair mooring systems and warning buoys; all moorings needed chain replacement and additional items for certain moorings were broken down in invoice. Motion to approve payment was made by Bill Angelini, seconded by Ronny Stevenson, motion was approved.

Invoice for secretary's pay for a total of 7.5 hours from December, 2015 to March 21, 2016. Motion to approve was made by Evan Cusson, seconded by Ronny Stevenson, motion passed.

**Minutes:** The minutes from January 26, 2016 were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Ronny Stevenson, seconded by Evan Cusson, and the motion passed.

**Correspondence: Budget Hearing**

Brian reminded the commission that Mike was not available to attend the budget hearing on March 30, 2016. Someone from the commission needs to be in attendance at this budget hearing; Mike is unavailable due to work constraints and can't be there. Brian is planning to attend and asked for support from other members to be there as well. Bill Angelini, not sure but will try and Gary Nolf plans to attend. Brian asked secretary to advise BOF and First Selectman that there will be attendance at that hearing.

**New Business:** Presentation by Rob Shickle on Marsh view Marina. They are looking to do a series of improvements such as adding a few slips (7 additional within the scope of Docks already permitted). On the East Dock, add five (5) slips in the direction of Louis' Marine (area "A" on map provided). Rob explained that none of this is closed to Harbor Line than 83 feet. There was some discussion regarding the DEEP violations within Louis' Marine. Lou's dock encroaches over property line. Proposed area B: 12' return; already existing timber piles, talking about bulkhead 6'. Brian states that the HMP (Harbor Management Plan) is specific to the number of slips vs. number of restrooms and to be consistent with making it more viable, how much upland will be added.

Ronny Stevenson adds that DEEP has made some recommendations such as raising the parking area. There is an elevation review of the boat launch ramp. Regarding Areas C1 and C2 (West Dock. Rob states they are looking to add a slip next to the new bulkhead on west dock by reconfiguring and adding a dock, moving the existing finger piers. Area D (back/southerly end of West Dock) there is an existing seawall made of concrete. They are proposing timber pilings to raise the elevation to give more parking and boat storage. The project is proposed to be done in phases. Rob asked the commission for a "sign off" on the application.

Gary Nolf asked if they are looking to do any dredging. Rob stated they are not. Brian states he thinks this should be tabled till next month's meeting to have members review HMP and check to see if the proposal is consistent with HMP. Brian feels there are too many particulars that are unclear. Rob offered to set a date and time for a "site visit" with commission members at the location at their convenience. A motion was made by Evan Cusson to "Table signing off until everyone has an opportunity to 1) review HMP and be sure all requests are consistent with HMP and 2) to be voted upon by the commission at the next regular scheduled meeting of WHMC (April 26, 2016). Motion was seconded by Ronny Stevenson and Gary Nolf abstained from vote, other members voted in favor of the motion to table and motion passed.

Brian asked secretary to scan and email everyone copies of the plans Rob submitted at this meeting and if everyone is in agreement that request is compliant, a vote by email can be done with the membership sooner than waiting until April 26, 2016. Rob Schickle expressed his thanks to the commission.

Harbormaster's Report – Bruce has nothing new to report but wanted to be sure that the invoice for Beebe Marine is taken care of as quickly as possible.

A motion to adjourn was made by Evan and seconded by Ronny and the motion passed unanimously. The commission adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, Secretary