



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Unapproved Minutes of March 24, 2015

The Regular scheduled meeting of the Westbrook Harbor Management Commission was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the Mulvey Municipal Center, 866 Boston Post Road, Westbrook, CT

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00. Chairman Mike Farrell led the “Pledge of Allegiance” and roll call was taken by the secretary. In attendance: Mike Farrell, Brian Faucher, Harbormaster Bruce Lawrence, Bill Angelini, Jeff Gordon, Ronny Stevenson. Absent: Gary Nolf and Keith Rich.

Bills to be paid: timecard for secretary for three hours was submitted. A motion made by Brian Faucher, seconded by Jeff Gordon. Motion Passed.

Minutes: unapproved minutes of Special Meeting on March 3, 2015 were read. Motion made by Bill Angelini, second by Brian Faucher to accept minutes as read. Motion Passed.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

Harbormaster’s Report: Bruce stated that “Strick” will drive the pile needed and it will be coordinated with Rives Potts. A question was raised on the price of the pole. Bruce also sent letters out to current mooring holders on Patchogue River. He has received eight responses with six returning for 2015 season. There are a total of fifteen moorings; two belong to the Town and Duck Island so that leaves seven moorings still available. Bruce stated he is waiting to see all the responses and then decide what size boats will go on the inside. There was some discussion of placing local ads in the “Soundings Publication”, The “Westbrook Events” and the Town of Westbrook Website.

Bruce will also work on getting a baseline price for the hauling that will need to be done this year. He will contact Scott Mitchell of Old Saybrook to get pricing.

Old Business:

Corp of Engineers: Mike referred to correspondence from Jack Karulis confirming the dredging of the outer channel. The dredging is scheduled for sometime between May 15, 2015 and June 30, 2015. Bruce will confirm with "Strick" about pulling piling #6. There was some discussion of where the \$25,000.00 "Dredge Fund monies" are. Mike agreed to speak to Andrew Urban about it.

Beach Mooring – Standards for Tackle – Tabled until next meeting when Keith can address this. It was suggested to bring Scott Mitchell to the next meeting. Motion to table made, seconded and motion passed.

Driving of Pile for Sign: previously discussed.

Rives Potts joined the Commission at 7:40 p.m. and the commission advised him of the dredging.

At 7:45 p.m., First Selectman Noel Bishop and Director of Finance Andrew Urban were asked to join the commission. They were asked if the town planned to fund the line item for \$25,000 for dredging in the next budget cycle. The answer was "no." Mr. Urban stated that there are too many projects happening in 2015, resulting in no more funds available. The town will not be putting \$25,000 into the line item for the Harbor Commission. Mr. Urban confirmed the dredge fund has \$96,000.00 and in the event of an emergency, the town will find the monies in the "General Fund Reserves." Brian Faucher reminded First Selectman Bishop that the present Harbor Commission has been working these last years to keep up what the previous commission started years ago. The commission has put forth a Harbor Management Plan; made sure all necessary permits are in place for dredging and has been able to secure the "Currytuck" to come out and dredge again this coming May. All this is being done to keep the harbor functioning.

BOF Chairman, Paul Connelly, joined the meeting and encouraged the commission to prepare a letter asking for the line item to be added back to the HMC budget and substantiate the need for this to be put back, and bring this to the annual town budget hearing. There is no guarantee that this will be added back for the F/Y 2015–2016.

There was some discussion of the Capitol non-recurring fund and the town having a 5-year CIP (Capital Improvement Plan). Otherwise the town is not eligible for LOCIP Funds. At this time, the budgets have been voted upon and the next step is for the Harbor Commission to go to the Annual Town Budget Hearing and present their request.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Angelini at 8:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Jeff Gordon and the meeting adjourned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Angelini, Secretary