

SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 – 7:30 P.M
NOANK FIRE HOUSE

The one hundred seventy-second meeting of the Commission was convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Noank Fire House by Chairman Bates, with the following Commission members in attendance: B. Gaynor, C. Talbot, S. Crowley and Harbor Master J. Giblin.

Upon a motion by C. Talbot and duly seconded by S. Crowley, it was voted unanimously to correct the minutes to say that Ford's Lobsters has six not four transient moorings and accept the December 18, 2014 minutes.

Harbor Master Giblin stated that the renewals for the 2015 mooring permits had gone out. Dredging in the upper portion of the river was completed, and he believed that there was a little more to be done down river.

The dock extension and boat lift request of John Rahkonen was reviewed. Docko checked on possible existing mooring infringement, and assured us that there were none in the immediate vicinity. Upon motion by S. Crowley and duly seconded by B. Gaynor, it was voted unanimously that the request was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

The Edgerton application for stone retention and 4/40 dock construction was discussed. Upon motion by C. Talbot and duly seconded by S. Crowley, it was voted unanimously that the plan dated 2/4/2015 was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

The Fort Rachel Marina dredging proposal was discussed. Upon motion by S. Crowley and duly seconded by C. Talbot, it was voted unanimously that the proposal was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

The proposal to replace the town dock in Noank was discussed. It was suggested by Harbor Master Giblin that the dock be raised to the height of the abutting grade and to do away with the ramp. Upon motion by B. Gaynor and duly seconded by C. Talbot, it was voted unanimously that the proposal was consistent with Harbor Management Plan, and that the dock would better serve the public if it were rotated 90 degrees.

Harbor Master Watts' letter about new mooring fees was discussed. There was no support for this proposal. The Commission will discuss it again when Harbor Master Watts is present.

The Commission greatly regrets the letter of Harbor Master Watts' resignation. He has done an excellent job and will be impossible to replace.

The election of officers will be taken up at the next meeting.

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Upon motion by B. Gaynor and duly seconded by C. Talbot, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bates
Chairman

Not Approved