

MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
OCTOBER 16, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.
NOANK FIRE HOUSE
REGULAR MEETING

The one hundred fifty-sixth meeting of the Commission was convened at 7:37 p.m. at the Noank Fire House by Chairman Bates, with the following Commission members in attendance: S. Rankin, T. Skrmetti, K. Steere, Harbormasters P. Watts and J. Giblin.

Upon motion by T. Skrmetti and duly seconded by K. Steere, it was voted unanimously to accept the November 15, 2007 minutes as presented.

Harbormaster Watts presented his bill of expenses for \$257.42 and reported that he had removed three derailed floats from the Mystic River with the assistance of the Town of Stonington. He towed a 30' sailboat off of Sixpenny Island. He is continuing to pursue the 6 mph speed limit for the entire river and will now consider any mooring without a white buoy with a blue strip and a mooring number to be a derelict mooring.

Harbormaster Giblin presented his bill for expenses of \$143.00 and reported that he observed one real bad speeding boat and had a constructive conversation with the owner. Dredging is being done in West Cove by Bruce Avery. He proposed that the 6 mph zone request to the State be waters northerly of a line from Mason Point to the North end of Ram Island and a line from the Southwest point of Ram Island to the southern point of Mouse Island and the extension of this line to the east shore of Groton Long Point to include all waters of the Mystic River, Palmers Cove and Beebe Cove.

Upon motion by T. Skrmetti and duly seconded by K. Steere it was voted unanimously to pay Harbormaster Watts \$257.42 bill for reimbursement of expenses.

Upon motion by T. Skrmetti and duly seconded by S. Rankin it was voted unanimously to pay Harbormaster Giblin's \$143.00 bill for reimbursement of expenses.

Upon motion by S. Rankin and duly seconded by K. Steere it was voted unanimously to utilize the meeting schedule for 2009 on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

A brief discussion of the DEP "Lean" meeting followed. With our best wishes for the DEP permit approval process to be reduced to less than 6 months.

The Brannegan dock application for 15 Gravel Street in Mystic was discussed extensively. Concern was expressed for the 17' height of the stand off piling.

Upon motion by S. Rankin and duly seconded by T. Skrmetti, it was voted unanimously that the Brannegan application was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

The Wolfe dock application for 19 Gravel Street in Mystic was discussed, concern was expressed for the 17' height of the stand off piling.

Upon motion by S. Rankin and duly seconded by T. Skrmetti, it was voted unanimously that the Wolfe application was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

The Preston Dock application for 256 Elm Street in Noank was discussed. Concern was expressed because of no notation of stand off pilling height.

Upon motion by T. Skrmetti and duly seconded by S. Rankin, it was voted unanimously that the Preston application was consistent with the Harbor Management plan.

We did not have any plans for Noank Village Boatyard Dredging proposal.

Upon motion by T. Skrmetti and duly seconded by S. Rankin, it was voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Bates
Chairman