

Town of Guilford
Marina Commission
Regular Meeting, January 9, 2017
7:00 PM at Town Hall

Members present: Hank Graver, Bernard Lombardi, Al DiMarzio, Alison Varian and Roger Celesk.
Others: Rod McLennan, Dock Master, Michael Crossley

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Lombardi Chairman at 7:00 pm.

1. Approval of the December 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Upon motion made by Al DiMarzio and seconded by Alison Varian, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2016 meeting as written.

2. Public Forum

None.

3. Treasurer's Report

Alison Varian, Treasurer, did not have an opportunity to review the finance report in detail. She commented that there was nothing glaring in her cursory view of the report.

4. Dock Master's Report

- 4.1. The Marina Workboat has been winterized and stored for the season. A new water pump and thermostat were installed
- 4.2. Marina documents have been updated to the approved 2017 versions on the town website. They will be updated on the marina website soon.
- 4.3. With the cold weather the bubbler system is on the automatic setting.
- 4.4. Johnson Controls performed an energy audit of the marina office building.
- 4.5. One leg of the building power failed resulting in reduced power. Eversource was contacted and fixed the problem.
- 4.6. The marina sidewalks were cleared after the recent snow storm.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Old Business

6.1. FEMA Funds

Bernie Lombardi informed the Commission that he spoke with FEMA and their offices have moved to 1111 Country Club Road in Middletown. Chairman Lombardi informed the 1st Selectman, Joe Mazza of the move and requested that he check with Finance regarding the address and possibly re-send input to the new location.

6.2. Launch Ramp

Bernie Lombardi informed the Commission of correspondence he has had with the State contact regarding the Launch Ramp Fees. The most recent correspondence is being reviewed by the State supervisor for approval.

Motion: Upon motion made by Al DiMarzio and seconded by Alison Varian, the Commission voted unanimously to approve sending Bernie Lombardi's summary note to the State pending approval of Town Attorney, Pam Millman.

6.3. Commission Member Application Status

The Marina Commission recommends to the nominating committee that Roger Celesk be moved to full Commission membership from Alternate. Ken Wilson has asked Roger to submit a new application. Roger confirmed that a new application has been completed and returned to the Committee. It will be reviewed at the next Republican Town Council meeting and then the Council will recommend it to the BOS for approval.

Al DiMarzio asked if we needed so many republican and democrats on the Commission. The response is yes equal numbers of each with the party in power holding the additional odd number seat. Al commented that he is unaffiliated but holding a Republican seat.

Hank Graver informed the Commission that the Democratic Nominating Committee will be meeting next Thursday and recommending an Independent to the BOS for approval.

Alison Varian asked the Commission on their view of the Tide Gauge. Chairman Lombardi explained the history of the Tide Gauge and that the Commission has NEVER approved of or recommended the Tide Gauge. Chairman Lombardi will respond to the 1st Selectman with the Commission's recommendation that the Town does NOT keep the Tide Gauge.

7. New Business

Dockmaster McLennan informed the Commission that a chain inspection was done on the mooring buoys. Previously the $\frac{3}{4}$ " chain was replaced at a cost of \$6,800 and has a 10-15 year lifespan. The $\frac{1}{2}$ " chain was last replaced prior to the dredging and needs replacing. The Dockmaster made 3 inquiries for quotes with one response from Bruce Beebe with an estimate of \$4,900 with a 5 year lifespan. Commissioner Alison Varian commented that the same vendor quoted the Shellfish Commission a higher estimate. A discussion of stainless steel ensued which resulted in the cost savings are not there considering the friction on the links.

Motion: Upon motion made by Alison Varian and seconded by Al DiMarzio, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the quote from Bruce Beebe of \$4,900 to replace the $\frac{1}{2}$ " chain on the mooring buoys pending approval of the Town's Purchasing Agent.

Dockmaster McLennan has received a request for a Sailboat in the River if due to significant icing in the River they may move the boat to the Marina Basin.

Motion: Upon motion made by Hank Graver and seconded by Alison Varian, the Commission voted unanimously deny the request to move a Sailboat into the Marina Basin over the winter.

8 Adjournment

Motion: Upon motion made by Alison Varian and seconded by Al DiMarzio, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sally J. Berezowskyj
Recording Secretary