

Town of Guilford  
Marina Commission  
Regular Meeting, March 13, 2017  
7:00 PM at Town Hall

Members present: Bernard Lombardi, Roger Celesk, Hank Graver, Cliff McGuire and Michael Crossley  
Excused: Alison Varian  
Others: Rod McLennan, Dock Master, Peter Rebozzini, 186 Boston Post Road, Guilford

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

**1. Approval of the January 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Hank Graver made a motion to approve the January 9, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Bernie Lombardi and unanimously approved.

**Approval of the February 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Bernie Lombardi made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Roger Celesk and unanimously approved.

**2. Public Forum**

None.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

**Motion:** Cliff McGuire made a motion to approve the Liability Insurance Policy. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

**Motion:** Hank Graver made a motion to approve warrants in the amount of \$974.29 for February and March 2017. Seconded by Cliff McGuire and unanimously approved.

**4. Dock Master's Report**

- 4.1. There are four (4) class 1, six (6) class 2 and one (1) mooring vacancies this year.
- 4.2. The mooring buoys have been painted and ready to go.
- 4.3. Park & Recreation has requested permission to install a security camera for grassy island.

**5. Correspondence**

None.

**6. Old Business**

**6.1. FEMA Funds**

Bernie Lombardi contacted FEMA in regard to the Sandy Claim. Direct Administrative Charges must be supplied on a new form. The Finance Director, Maryjane Malavasi will complete this input and submit the form.

**7. New Business**

**7.1. Tide Gates – Peter Rebozzini**

Mr. Rebozzini is the last remaining member of the East Creek Owner's Association and the last to gather hay from the meadows. The East Creek Owner's Association maintained Liability insurance on the tide gates up until 2003. In May of 2003 the ownership of the tide gates was passed to the Town of Guilford. Also in 2003, Public Works rebuilt the tide gates. The tide gates remain in service but not operationally sound. They are raised in the fall and lowered in the spring. Mr. Rebozzini harvests the Salt Hay July-September. The tide gates are of interest to the marina in that they restrict the flow of

water into the marina and keep the silt out of the marina basin. At one time, the Army Corp of Engineers was asked to reroute the East Creek. Nothing was done.

Mr. Robozzini asked the Marina Commission to repair the tide gates which are to hold water at a 3 foot differential at high tide. There is currently a leakage underneath the sill.

Commissioner Crossley asked if there were any other methods available to harvest hay. The response was no. Commissioner Crossley commented that there is research to support that allowing the gates use lead to invasive species in the marsh. Commissioner Celesk agreed with Commissioner Crossley's research comments.

The Commission would prefer to keep the tide gates operational for the Marina's interest.

Commissioner Celesk asked if any engineering analysis has been done or is planned for the tide gates. Mr. Robozzini replied no as did Commission Chairman Bernie Lombardi.

The existing permit for the tide gate has expired and would require a new permit. The Army Corp of Engineers as well as DEEP would need to participate.

**Motion:** Roger Celesk made a motion to refer the repair of the tide gate to the Town and obtain the opinion of the town engineer if the gate is repairable and at a reasonable cost which will include determination of permit requirements. Seconded by Cliff McGuire and unanimously approved.

A discussion ensued regarding the yacht club pursuing a spoils area at Chittenden beach with Kevin Magee, Town Environmental Planner. Chairman Bernie Lombardi will request on update from the Environmental Planner.

## **8. Adjournment at 8:00 pm**

Respectfully Submitted:

Sally J. Berezowskyj  
Recording Secretary