

Town of Guilford
Marina Commission
Regular Meeting, April 10, 2017
7:00 PM at Town Hall

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

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

1. Approval of the March 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Al DiMarzio made a motion to approve the March 13, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Roger Celesk and unanimously approved.

2. Public Forum

None.

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion: Roger Celesk made a motion to authorize Bernie Lombardi to sign bills when the finance department gets them to him. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

4. Dock Master's Report

- 4.1. The marina is open and waiting for boats to arrive.
- 4.2. There is one (1) vacant Class 1 slip.
- 4.3. Guilford DPW removed debris from the sluice gates.
- 4.4. Beebe Dock & Mooring replaced the top chains on the river moorings.
- 4.5. DEEP will be installing their bird tracking antenna next week.

5. Correspondence

- 5.1. DEEP sent a letter stating the last dredging permit is expiring in August.

6. Old Business

6.1. FEMA Funds

Bernie Lombardi and Rod McLennan met with the finance director, Maryjane Malavasi. It was an introduction. She now knows there are two new state contacts. The head of the state agency is in charge and also the head of FEMA. She is working on all deadlines. We are coming up next. She only has to work on the administrative costs of the application. There is a new form which is the major part of the hold up. Eventually they will find the funds.

6.2. Marina Dredging

We need to make sure we continuously cover it. Rod McLennan said the consultant penciled us in for the years 2019-2020. Bernie Lombardi says that the permits could take years.

6.3. Tide Gates & Bulkheads

Rod McLennan & Bernie Lombardi met with the First Selectman. They received some information there may be a potential grant for the tide gates. Joe Mazza called Jim Portley into the meeting. With Jim Portley we produced a draft that was emailed around to everyone. Michael Crossley says the bottom board of the tide gates is gone. Bernie says that we should hold to the schedule of the tide gates. Also add that the gates need to be operational due to long standing agreement with farmers and DEEP. They should maintain the operation. Tide Gates are in for \$40,000. Bulk heads by the

bridge is support for Farmers Road, Wharf and bridge. It also includes f dock and stops at e dock. The bulkheads are in for \$90,000. Bernie would like to sign, seal and send the application by the date.

Motion: Cliff McGuire made a motion to have Bernie sign, seal, and deliver application by April 17, 2017 by 4pm. Hank Graver seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

7. New Business

7.1. Porta Potty

Rod McLennan & Bernie Lombardi met with Joe Mazza and he said the town could not fund the porta potty. There is no money in the budget for it. In order to provide a porta potty it would be the commission's responsibility. It would be \$175 a month. Bernie would like the commission to fund it this year.

Motion: Roger Celesk made a motion to approve with prejudice the funding of the porta potty. Seconded by Cliff McGuire the motion and unanimously approved.

7.2. Branford Boat Launch

Branford boat launch is supposed to have a delay in opening. It should be a 30 day delay but it could take longer. There was a question if the prices of launching should go up. Bernie Lombardi will send an email or call at the state to find out if we are able to raise our rates. He will also check with Fred about the agreement.

Motion: Cliff McGuire made a motion for Bernie to send an email or call the state. Seconded by Al DiMarzio the motion and unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment at 8:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Paula Wilson
Recording Secretary