

Town of Guilford
Marina Commission
Regular Meeting, June 11, 2018
7:00 PM at Town Hall

Members present: Bernard Lombardi, Michael Crossley, Stephen Goldschmidt
Others: Rod McLennan, Dockmaster; John Russo, 41 Creek Circle,
Guilford, CT; Kandra Houston, 11 Michelle Lane, Guilford, CT;
Oliver Dunn, Guilford, CT

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernie Lombardi at 6:55 pm.

Chairman Lombardi seated Stephen Goldschmidt for this meeting.

Motion: Bernie Lombardi made a motion to add item 7.3 to New Business for Marina Security Cameras. Seconded by Michael Crossley and unanimously approved.

1. Public Forum

John Russo, a 30 year slip holder of the Marina spoke to the Commission about reserving his boat slip for next year. Mr. Russo had to pull his boat out of the Marina due to mechanical problems. Chairman Lombardi explained to Mr. Russo that in order to maintain his slip, it must be paid in full for this season. The Dockmaster will make a reasonable effort to rent Mr. Russo's slip for the remainder of the season, which would then be credited to Mr. Russo. Dockmaster McLennan will begin contacting the wait listed people for possible rentals.

Motion: Michael Crossley made a motion add item 5.2 letter from Oliver Dunn to the agenda. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

Motion: Michael Crossley made a motion move item 5.2 to next on the agenda. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

5.2 Mr. Oliver Dunn had written a letter to the First Selectman regarding trash in and along the Marina. Chairman Lombardi read Mr. Dunn's letter to the Commission. Mr. Dunn suggests in his letter that more trash receptacles be made available along the rocks and toward the launch ramp to help minimize trash being left on the rocks. The Commission discussed with Mr. Dunn that this has been done before only resulting in more trash. Kandra Houston, a member of the Garden Club commented that at the end of winter, the Garden Club did an extensive cleanup in that area. Mr. Dunn said he collected 2 trash bags of garbage from the rocks since that time.

Motion: Bernie Lombardi made a motion add a sign in the rock area requesting that trash be disposed of in the appropriate receptacle. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michael Crossley made a motion to approve May 14, 2018 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Commission discussed an outstanding payment from rebuilding of the bulkhead. Additional information needed would be the principal amount and interest. A review of the 2012/2013 minutes which the Marina's contribution to the project needs to be reviewed and clarified with Finance.

The Commission then discussed the 2017-2018 budget and the fact that funds for dredging have not been satisfied for this year putting the Marina at risk for not meeting the dredging target date.

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt made a motion to approve the warrants in the amount of \$2,889.26. Seconded by Bernie Lombardi and unanimously approved.

Motion: Bernie Lombardi made a motion to approve the secretarial invoice in the amount of \$46.75. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt and unanimously approved.

Motion: Bernie Lombardi made a motion to approve the following additional invoices in the amount of \$950.00 for parking lot striping and \$277.00 for liability insurance payment. Seconded by Stephen Goldschmidt and unanimously approved.

The CIRMA insurance payment has not yet been received for the Dock Repair after the winter freeze.

4. Dockmaster Report

1. All slips are now rented for the season
2. The parking lot has been re-striped.
3. New bumper boards have been installed at the launch ramp to keep boats from drifting under the aluminum ramp.
4. Five new aluminum ladders were installed on the bulkhead to replace wood ones installed 5 years ago that had rotted.
5. 570 lbs. of debris was taken to the transfer station.
6. Supplies for the annual slip holder's picnic have been ordered.

The Marina Slip Holder's Picnic is scheduled June 30, 2018.

5. Correspondence

- A letter was received from The Guilford Foundation thanking the Commission for its \$1,000.00 donation to the Alison Varian Memorial Fund.

6. Old Business

6.1 FEMA Funds

No change. Michael Crossley to follow-up with the Finance Director regarding the original funds approved and residing with the state as well as the additional \$22K for administrative costs.

6.2 Tide Gate

The tide gate has been approved and permitted. Work will begin at the close of the season.

6.3 Bulkhead Repair

Have requested a certificate of permission from DEEP for the work. The Town has agreed to a 50/50 split with the Marina. The Town has \$30k in this year's budget.

6.4 Marina Dredging

Chairman Lombardi met with the 1st Selectman and Jim Portley. 1st Selectman Hoey requested a letter from the Marina Commission requesting to use Pages Lane as a spoil deposit site. Chairman Lombardi has drafted the letter. Once approved by the BOS and engineer and surveyor will need to be hired to proceed. An eagle has nested on that site, so additional special handling will be required not to disturb the eagle nest. Chairman Lombardi suggested that an Ornithologist be engaged to work with the project. Stephen Goldschmidt agreed to take point on obtaining and engaging the Ornithologist.

6.5 J. Wall Marina Improvement Contribution

No one representing the project was present to present the final plans.

7. New Business

7.1. Marina Operators Liability Audit for the 3/10/17 Term

The item was discussed under Finance.

7.2 The Boat Owner's Picnic

Scheduled for June 30, 2018. Volunteers needed to help with the cooking.

7.3 Marina Security Cameras

Commissioner Schmidt along with Dockmaster McLennan investigated possible available grants to subsidize the upgrading of the security camera system at the Marina. This was determined not to be a viable option. However, in working with the Fire Department on the grant determination, it was determined that the Fire Department would be interested in partnering with the Marina in upgrading the security camera system at the Marina. An estimate of \$2,000.00 for 4 cameras plus \$700.00 installation fee was discussed. Commissioner Goldschmidt proposed that the estimate be firmed up as well as the Fire Department participation and then discussed at the next Marina Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Goldschmidt proposed adding a windsock to the Marina.

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt made a motion to add a windsock at the Marina.
Seconded by Michael Crossley and unanimously approved.

8. Adjourn

Motion: Stephen Goldschmidt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm.
Seconded by Michael Crossley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Recording Secretary

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