

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

Members present: Bernard Lombardi, Chairman; Hank Graver; Roger Celesk (by phone) and Cliff McGuire

Others: Rod McLennan, Dock Master; Ron Repetti, Guilford Yacht Club; Bud Harris, LMH Charter Co.

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Lombardi Chairman at 7:02 pm. Cliff McGuire was seated as a regular member.

1. Public Forum

- Bud Harris of 70 Cardinal Drive, Guilford CT requested permission by the Commission to apply for a 2nd commercial slip at the Marina. Bernie Lombardi, Roger Celesk, Hank Graver and Cliff McGuire all agreed to allow Mr. Harris permission to submit a second commercial slip application.
- Mr. Harris questioned the Commission on the status of the sleuth gate repair. Dockmaster McLennan reported that the sleuth gates are to be in operation when the Marina opens in the spring.

2. Approval of the October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Cliff McGuire made a motion to approve the October 11, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Roger Celesk and approved.

In favor: Bernie Lombardi, Roger Celesk and Cliff McGuire

Abstained: Hank Graver

3. Treasurer's Report

Warrants in the amount of \$1,156.43 were reviewed

Motion: Roger Celesk made a motion to approve the warrants of \$1,156.43. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

Motion: Roger Celesk made a motion to approve the Secretarial Invoice of \$42.50. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

4. Dock Master's Report

- During the recent nor'easter on October 29, 2017 a boat sank in its slip due to a failed bilge pump. Brown's Boatyard refloated and removed it.
- The water has been turned and the water system purged with air from the compressor.
- 18 boats have paid for the extended season.
- Assistant Dockmaster Craig Carter has moved to casual status. Fred Hill has been hired to replace him.

5. Correspondence

- A letter from Robert and Mary Florczak was read to the Commission expressing their pleasure in Marina Staff and their services. Many accolades were detailed in the letter for Dockmaster Rod McLennan and his staff of Assistant Dockmasters. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the 1st Selectman.

6. Old Business

- **FEMA Funds**

FEMA funds other than direct administrative costs have been approved. An appeal has been made to address the direct administrative costs.

- **Marina Dredging**

The State of CT is the owner of the Hunter Sorensen property and will not allow a surveyor onto the property. Two other sites being Grass Island and Page's Lane are being looked at (in conjunction with the Guilford Yacht Club). The Yacht club is renting a Mud Cap in March of 2018 for hydraulic dredging to disperse up to 30K cubic yards of spoils. The Yacht club anticipates completing their work prior to the end of the rental period and has offered the Town to use the equipment when it becomes available for building experience in using hydraulic dredging. The Marina commission will need to obtain a permit prior to March which would allow the piggyback work. The Town to look for a rolling dredging permit with destination and quantity specified.

Chairman Lombardi attended a board meeting of the Yacht club where they discussed a rent to own program.

Chairman Lombardi also discussed with Jack Evans a possible creation of a group of municipal marinas to take part in the purchase of equipment (Branford, Guilford, Madison, Clinton).

The Yacht club has hired an engineering company from Guilford to re-establish Chittenden Beach infill to provide engineering drawings.

Hank Graver asked that the Commission include P&Z and the Health Director on the discussion of using Page's Lane. This is also an item for the new BOS.

There is a grant available to apply spoils to marshland up to their level. The Committee would like to wait until the Rhode Island project is completed to entertain the grant.

The Commission recognized the need to have the State Representative and State Senator in support of work with DEEP.

The Commission will work with the new BOS on the RFP Policy.

- **Tide Gate**

The tide gate will be removed when all the boats are out for the season. Chairman Lombardi will contact Town Engineer Jim Portley on repair schedule.

- **Severe Storm Warning**

The report has been published and is available on the Marina Website.

- **DEEP No Wake Buoy Permit**

The Harbormaster requested permits for swimming buoys. The DEEP instructed the Marina to remove the 2 furthest buoys and add 2 buoys at the mouth of the Marina and 1 buoy at the far end of the mooring field. CT state law dictates that the buoys must be 12" across, standard buoys are 11". This would require purchasing of custom buoys. The Guilford Town Statute sets the boat speed limit to 4 mph; the DEEP speed limit is 6 mph. Less than 100' from shore is a state recognized No Wake zone.

The Commission agreed to continue the permit process and to re-evaluate the buoys at the time the permit is granted.

7. New Business

Parking Lot Ticketing: Chairman Lombardi and Dockmaster McLennan met with Chief Jeff Hutchinson and in-house counsel Pam Millman regarding an ordinance allowing the police to ticket cars in the Marina Parking lot. At the meeting it was decided not to pursue the ordinance due to the fact that there are not too many violations, a new ordinance would be required and the Police Chief does not have the staff to enforce such an ordinance.

Chief Hutchinson offered to have a discussion with the restaurant owners if the problem becomes more prevalent.

Annual Report: Chairman Lombardi reviewed with the Commission the proposed annual report. Two corrections were noted and the Commission voted to approve the submission on the 2017 Annual Report.

Motion: Cliff McGuire made a motion to approve the submission of the 2017 Annual Report as presented with corrections. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

The Marina Office building is in need of new siding. It is currently rough sawn cedar. Chairman Lombardi agreed to evaluate the siding and make a replacement recommendation to the Commission.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Cliff McGuire made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm. Seconded by Hank Graver and unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted:

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