



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK  
Harbor Management Commission

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 12, 2012**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Ray Collins called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Old Saybrook Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Ray Collins, Chairman

Les Bowman, Secretary

Dave Cole

Richard Goduti

Scott Mitchell, Dock Master/Harbor Master

Web Moore – N.C. mooring holder

3. Citizens with Business before the Commission – none

4. Minutes of previous meetings –

Minutes of the January 9 and February 13 meetings were reviewed and it was moved, seconded that both sets of minutes be accepted as presented. Motions were approved unanimously.

5. Clerk Report – none

## 6. North Cove

There was discussion about assigning vacant mooring slots in the dredged portion of North Cove for the 2012 season. It was determined to follow the practice of assigning individuals from the waiting list to fill available slots on a “like for like” basis as much as practicable to maximize the use of the Cove. Harbor Master/Dock Master Mitchell will develop the assignment plan according to the Commission’s direction. Mr. Bowman suggested that going forward the Commission should also begin to consider vessel draft as well as length to attempt to be sure that deep water moorings are occupied by vessels that require deep water moorings.

It was MOVED by Mr. Goduti and Seconded by Mr. Collins that Mr. Mitchell be authorized to fill available mooring vacancies from the Wait List. Motion carried 4-0-0.

Mr. Goduti initiated discussion about having Town Hall resources answer questions about Harbor Management, rather than forward them to Commission Members or the HMC Clerk. Recognizing the Commission is in the process of filling its vacant Clerk position, it was agreed to hold any motions for action until a new Clerk is hired.

Post meeting note – Roland Laine and his team at Town Hall have agreed to refer questions regarding position HMC Wait List and requests for forms to HMC official postings on the Town web site. This change is already in effect.

The Commission reviewed an exemption request from Rule 11 (50% occupancy) for the 2012 season from North Cove mooring holder Hugh Hunsinger. It was MOVED by Mr. Cole and SECONDED by Mr. Bowman to accept his request. Approved 4-0-0.

## 7. Ferry Road

Wait List – No changes

Mr. Mitchell expressed concerns about Ferry Road #17. After discussion, it was agreed to have the Town crew build 2 replacement docks. The Commission will pay any Town overtime charges for this effort if required.

Ferry Road Project –

Chairman Collins reported that he intends to schedule a Special Meeting of the Commission to review Ferry Road project status and plans with the Selectmen and representatives from Docko, Inc. and GNCB Consulting.

8. Mr. Collins offered congratulations on behalf of the Commission to Mr. Mitchell on his recent appointment by the Governor to the position of Harbor Master for the Town of Old Saybrook.

9. Dock Master Report – Scott reported several items:

- “Lost” Hosig mooring has been recovered by CRDD, the contractor.
- Dock Master suggested the Commission consider maintenance re-staining the Town Dock in the Spring and replacing broken planks on the dock. Suggestion accepted and Mitchell will follow up.

10. Correspondence

There was no new correspondence that required action.

11. New Business –None

12. Old Business –

- a. Discussion of North Cove policies was tabled until the next meeting.
- b. Anchorage Area Designation. Mr. Collins complimented Mr. Wall’s work on his continuing effort with the Coast Guard in this area.
- c. Clerical vacancy – Mr. Bowman who has been attempting to cover critical HMC administrative functions since the resignation of the Clerk urged the Commission to take prompt action on the vacancy. The Commission reviewed and discussed the applications that were received in response to the add in the Day. It was decided to schedule a Special meeting of the Commission for Monday, March 19 to continue the selection process.

13. Payment of Bills

After review and discussion, it was

**Moved by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Goduti to pay the Lighthouse Printing invoices as presented. Motion passed 4-0-0.**

14. Meeting adjourned 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. Bowman, Acting Recorder