

Minutes – Special Meeting
HARBOR COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Mulvey Municipal Center –Room A

Attending: Ron Stevenson, Joe Boccia, John Rie, Michael Farrell, William Angelini,

Absent: Keith Rich; Michael Polo

Also Attending: Noel Bishop, First Selectman; Len Mierzejewski, Harbor Master, Gerri Lewis, Clerk

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order by Gerri Lewis at 7:01 p.m.

The new members gave a brief background of their qualifications and their enthusiasm to be on the Harbor Commission. A discussion ensued with regard to marine trades representation on the board and concerns with dredging and the knowledge of a new chairman. After a long deliberation, the following motion was made:

Upon a motion to elect John Rie as Chairman by Ron Stevenson and seconded by Michael Farrell; it was so **VOTED** unanimously.

From this point forward, Mr.Rie chaired the meeting.

Mr. Bishop reported that there were openings for 2 alternates on the Harbor Commission. Mr. Farrell was going to follow up on names suggested for alternates and report back to Mr. Rie.

2. Correspondence: None

3. Old Business

- a. **Dredging**
- b. **ACOE**
- c. **Harbor Masters Report**

Mr. Mierzejewski reported that he received an email from Jack Karalius with regard to setting up a meeting with the Selectmen, Harbor Commission members and Mr. Riggio to discuss the dredging project. Mr. Mierzejewski will forward the email to Ms. Lewis to send out to the Commission members. It was noted that the ACOE said that an additional 1.2 million dollars was needed over and above the \$675K they've already received for Westbrook's dredging project.

It was decided that the Harbor Commission would have a special meeting on December 15, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mulvey Municipal Center, to discuss the dredging project. Mr. Bishop would contact Congressman Courtney's office, Representative Guiliano and Representative O'Connor. Mr. Mierzejewski would contact Jack Karalius for this meeting. This meeting would be open to the public and marine trades businesses.

Mr. Mierzejewski noted that the Rock Buoys needed to be removed and that a contractor would have to be hired for this job. Mr. Boccia noted that he would look into this and report back to Mr. Rie.

Mr. Mierzejewski reported on two dock permits. He noted that DEP is waiting on approval. Mr. Rie and Ms. Lewis will follow through on these permits, and add them to the December agenda for action.

4. Payment of Bills

a. Clerical: Gerri Lewis \$62.00

Upon a motion by Ron Stevenson and seconded by Joe Boccia, it was **VOTED:** Unanimously to pay the bill as presented.

5. Adjournment

There being no other business, Mr. Rie asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion to adjourn by Michael Farrell and seconded by Mr. Stevenson it was **VOTED** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerri Lewis, Clerk