Greetings: These minutes have not yet been approved by the CWC.

February 9, 2009

Town of Chebeague Island
Coastal Waters Commission
Minutes of Meeting of February 5, 2009

Members present: Paul Belesca, Ken Hamilton, Jim Millinger, and (after 6:54) Wink Houghton

Members absent: Jeff Putnam

Harbormaster Claire Ross was present

Public present: Donna Damon, Joe Dyer, David Stevens, and (after 6:54) Patti Rich

Vice-Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Jim Millinger volunteered to take minutes. The minutes of the December 4 were accepted (Paul/Jim) as drafted by Jim and modified by Harbormaster Ross.

Public Comment: Donna Damn asked if anybody was concerned about shoveling the commercial float at the Stone Wharf. Ken suggested that it was in the domain of the Public Works Department. Jim suggested that for the use it gets, it is probably safer to walk securely in the snow than slide around on a shoveled frozen surface.

Harbormaster’s report: Claire presented a written report (see attached) and spoke on some highlights: had to make a formal request for the USCG Shackle to break the ice going into Chandlers Cove and Stone Wharf. Showed them how to make the approach to the Stone Wharf and, in conjunction with CTC personnel, agreed that they should break only to the outer moorings. Has GPS data for c. 300 moorings. This data can now be used with the GIS being used by the town (Thea Youngs). In response to a question she reported that she is working on a reduced winter schedule.

Wastewater pump out station: MOTION ((Paul/Jim) recommending no further investigation needed of pump-out device. Discussion: Baykeeper does it. Available also in Freeport. There are other commercial operators. Town should not be involved in handling raw sewage as we have no way to handle it or dispose of it. MOTION PASSED (3-0)

Whether or not to recommend permit limits at Stone Wharf based on boat size, horsepower, or number of permits issued: Harbormaster Ross: In a recent meeting the CWC decided to request another float so that we wouldn’t have to limit. Chairman Putnam took the question to the selectmen? Discussion. Donna Damon concerned about boat width as well. Harbormaster Ross in a response to a question: Last year most boat owners were observant of the regulations. MOTION to table until we find out the decision made on an additional float. PASSED (3-0). [Commissioner Houghton arrived.] Further discussion. Ken: It is the
selectmen’s office job to draw up diagrams, proposals, etc., not ours. Donna Damon: If you want a float make a specific proposal to the selectmen.

New business: MOTION (Ken/Paul) that the secretary add the E-mail addresses of all selectmen and the town administrator to the list of CWC members so that electmen and town administrator as well as CWC will receive minutes of our meetings in a timely manner. Discussion of appropriateness of sending out un-approved minutes, or waiting a month until they are approved. MOTION PASSED (4-0)

MOTION (Ken/Paul) that the secretary advise the town clerk that we wish all minutes now in the Town Office to be sent on to selectmen and town administrator ASAP. PASSED (4-0)

MOTION (Ken/Paul) that the Harbormaster supply the selectmen with the same written material given to CWC regarding new proposals, such as the suggested pump-out station, designated mooring areas, and any other new Coast Guard Mandates. ACTION: MOTION withdrawn.

Q & A: Patti Rich: Will the Harbormaster remain within budget this year? Response: Yes Patti Rich: Will the CWC study costs of the Harbormasters of other harbors? Ken: The committee that drew up the CWC ordinances looked into that. Perhaps John Ash, as secretary of the group would have some data. Jim: David Stevens presented some numbers orally in a CWC meeting some time ago. Ask him.

There being no further business Paul: MOVED adjournment. PASSED Adjourned at 7:29.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Millinger