

COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MINUTES, MEETING OF 03/26/2013

Members Present: David Stevens, Aaron Rugh, Justin Doughty, Ken Hamilton

Also Present: Ron Tozier (Harbormaster), Mark Dyer

Meeting called to order at 6:04 by Dave Stevens

1. Approval of Minutes:

Unable to review or approve minutes from the last meeting due to a technological glitch.

2. Harbormaster Report:

Dredging Update- HM continues to coordinate with Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to secure full dredging of the Stone Wharf which would require some financial contribution by the Town, but would then be maintained by the government. However, the Town must be prepared to perform “emergency” dredging, where it would bear the full cost, in the event the Army Corps will not assume the task.

Stone Wharf Dinghy Registration- HM will send out notices to the past purchasers of those with season tie-up permits at the Stone Wharf. This year, those wishing to receive permits must do so in person with the HM. Due to the incomplete nature of the permit-holder database, the HM will also post registration details. It was noted that there is no fee to tie up at Chandler’s.

Moorings- Moorings will require dated stickers affixed to the buoy to show payment of fees. Mooring holders that do not pay their fees will be warned up to three times before the mooring will be dropped or hauled at owner’s expense.

Shellfish- There will be a clam survey by a representative of Maine DMR on April 1 at 8:30 a.m. at the Hook. Following the survey, there will be a meeting at the Public Safety room to which all are welcome. During the discussion, the subordinate nature of the Shellfish Committee to the Coastal Waters Commission was raised (the ordinance to separate these bodies was defeated during the last Town Meeting). The Coastal Waters Commission continues to feel as though the Shellfish commission should report to the Board of Selectmen directly.

Motion: Aaron Rugh made a motion to separate the Shellfish and Coastal Waters Commissions, to serve the Board of Selectmen individually, as well as address any amendments that would facilitate this. Justin Doughty-second. Passed unanimously.

Misc- HM wanted to inform the CWC that it has been his policy to (also) assist boats in non-emergency situations where he is readily available, able, and requested to provide some help. Ken Hamilton felt as though that is what a HM should be doing in these situations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12