COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION

MINUTES, MEETING OF 06/13/2013

Members Present: David Stevens, Kenneth Hamilton, Michael Porter, Justin Doughty,
Also Present: Ron Tozier (Harbormaster), Mark Dyer.

Meeting called to order at 6:08 by David Stevens

1. Pump Out Float:
   Ron stated the float should be ready next Thursday (6/20). He said that signage and a lock-box are needed for donations. Ken said the price for use of the float needs to be on the signs. Also, that the location of the float needs to be coordinated with the lobster-catchers.
   Justin said he thought the proposed location (near the old lobster smack) was OK.

2. Rental Moorings:
   Ron said these are due to be purchased July 1. There needs to be discussion of locations, but most likely on the east side of the Stone Wharf anchorage, near the Mellen wharf. He said that Susan Campbell is concerned about the Town's liability. Ken said that we need information about liability in writing from the Town Administrator.

3. Dredging:
   Ron said that the Federal application has been submitted. According to the Corp of Engineers survey the channel is not really excessively shallow. It is not a bad as in 2003. Our match for the Federal project would be about $150,000, which is about the same as a maintenance dredging of the channel only (about 4,000 cu. yd.) would cost. Mark Habel of the Corps of Engineers is optimistic about our chances.
   Ron also said that he has discovered we are not eligible for maintenance dredging under a "permit by rule" because the old permit was granted to the Town of Cumberland, not Chebeague, so our application would be treated as a new application. He said there is no emergency yet, but users must be careful at low draining tides. He said there is a 2-year horizon for the Corps of Engineers decision.

4. Stone Wharf Float Use:
   Ron said money is available (about $5,000) for an engineering study on increasing the tie-up space.
   Dave said that we need to study the situation this summer, so we know how many permits there are, and how many boats use the space. It was noted that there is also a problem at Cousin's Island, where the Chebeague float is also used by some non-Chebeaguers.
   Ron said the maintenance of the Cousin's Island float is on the DPW list. The Town administrator proposes using the 12' x 30' float stored at the Town Garage in the interim. Concern was expressed that this float is smaller and lower than the existing float, and that it lacks the proper hardware (chain attachment points and tie-up rail). Mark stated that there is $40,000 to $50,000 in the float account.

Motion:
   Michael Porter moved that CWC recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the Town build a new float the same size and height as the present CTC floats as soon as possible to allow for rotation for proper maintenance. Ken Hamilton seconds. Passed unanimously.
New Business:

1. Fendering -- there is concern about boats at the floats not using proper fenders. The Harbormaster will make recommendations on an individual basis. The space application will have a recommendation next year.

2. Enforcement: -- Stricter adherence to the registration law is necessary. Ron, Mark Dyer, the Town Administrator and Doug Ross met with the Sheriff's Department re enforcement of car and boat registration. Ron said that mooring registration is improving. Ken thinks the Harbormaster should have complete authority over the Stone Wharf. Ron thinks the Harbormaster can't enforce traffic ordinances.

3. Stone Wharf -- Michael Porter circulated a letter to the Town from Wayne Duffett (an engineer) with estimates for various repairs to the Wharf. Dave asked whether the Board of Selectmen want us to be involved in this. Michael said that some committee has to do it.

Motion:

Michael Porter moved that we tell the Board of Selectmen that the CWC has received the letter from Wayne Duffett and ask them for guidance s to whether they want us to make recommendations for the repairs. Passed unanimously.

NOTE:
Both of these motions were communicated to the Board of Selectmen in an email dated 6/14/2013.

Next Meeting:

The Ordinance draft that came out of the joint workshop with the Board of Selectmen will be reviewed at the next meeting. Michael will email that draft to members so everyone is on the same page.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2013, at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58