

Harbor Committee
Minutes December 12, 2023

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, Cory Web, Dean Eaton, Justin Boyce, Issac Dworsky
PUBLIC: Evelyn Duncan (Selectman Rep.), Dana Webb (Harbormaster)

ITEM 1: Minutes November 14th

Moved Dworsky second Boyce to accept minutes Vote 5-0

ITEM 2; Financials

Harbor Duncan reported that excise tax audit has so far collected about \$1,000 in past due 2023 boat excise taxes. Hopefully a letter to all boat owners in the spring will help with collections for 2024.
Moved Boyce second Dworsky to accept harbor financials Vote 5-0
Pier Dana Web reported that Sunshine Seafood paid their 2024 fee and has told him that they will continue to work off the Pier.
Moved Boyce second Dworsky to accept Pier financials Vote 5-0

ITEM 3: Reserve savings totals

Duncan gave the Board a list of the different savings accounts for the Pier and the Harbor including current balances of each account

ITEM 4: Accounts Payable

Board went over the past due accounts for Parking, Punt, and Boat Use. They will contact those they know and tell them to come in and pay if they want to keep their spots. Dworsky reported that Thomas Jones did not get notified.

ITEM 5: Harbormaster report

The ramp is still up at Hagan Dock due to last storm. Billings does not want it put back until after the next storm due Monday
A new Broadband cable will be installed to Isle au Haut. It will be in the same track as the other existing cable and start from the ferry dock.
The waste oil shed is now locked. Some unknown person left gasoline there which is not allowed, and so posted.

ITEM 6: Mooring fees

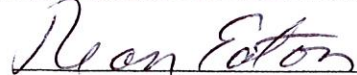
Duncan went over the suggestions by the Selectmen. The Board was not in favor of these suggestions. It was moved Boyce second Dworsky to take the following back to the Selectboard. Change the mooring fee for non resident commercial fishermen by \$100 and change the charge for pleasure craft by \$100. Vote 5-0. The reason they feel this is justified is: Stonington residents are earmarking funds out of taxes for future dredging, when do dredge in two years high cost will require Stonington to take out loans which will be paid by taxpayer money, Stonington does not get excise taxes from these boats which tax usually is used for harbor needs, non resident vessels have close access to buyers because they are able to moor here thereby saving them fuel, wear and tear on vessel, and time, Stonington harbors provide safety during most storms.

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan, Secretary







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