

Harbor Committee  
Minutes December 14, 2021

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, Corey Webb, Justin Boyce, Isaac Dworsky, Richard Larrabee  
PUBLIC: Dana Webb, Evelyn Duncan, Ed Billings (via zoom Covid)

ITEM 1: Minutes October 2021 passed out and read  
Minutes November 2021 no minutes no quorum

ITEM 2: Financials

Fish pier: Boyce moved Dworsky second to accept minutes Vote 5-0

Harbor: Boyce moved Webb second to accept minutes Vote 5-0

ITEM 3: Harbormaster report

Billings reported that he has been working on fee applications.

Hoist #2 is currently functioning well

Hoist #3 lost its cable, a new one arrived yesterday and will be installed

The harbormaster boat is in storage at the fire department

Several people using the pier have tested positive for COVID unfortunately

ITEM 4: Old business

Pier capacity discussion: The skiff float is full and has a waiting list. The Board decided that no new spaces could be allotted at this time.

The parking is full and has a waiting list. The Board Decided that the spaces are too cramped in some areas and the number of spaces on the pier should be reduced by another three or four. No new spaces can be allotted. If applicants do not return their applications and fees in the required time by Fish Piers policy they should loose their space. Board to decide if then room for any on waiting list.

Transporters: any new application must be on a case to case scenario. Acceptance will depend on type of use, volume of trucks etc.

Skiffs at Hagan Dock will be limited to 12, and applications will be accepted on a lottery basis. Lottery draws to be the first workday of May and lottery should be advertised twice in newspaper and put on Town Facebook page.

Trash fees 2021: Duncan will research and let Board know if and who should get invoice for 2021.

Transporter requirements brought up questions about who is and who isn't a transporter. A recent request resulted in the person not applying as they were small but would meet transporter requirements. As Brewer has the commercial license and as they often have a trailer on the pier do they qualify. Board asked Fish Pier manager to send out an application to them to determine if they fit the new policy requirements or not.

ITEM 5: New Business: Budget for Fish Pier and Harbor discussed (see attached)  
Moved Boyce second Corey to accept Fish Pier Budget Vote 5-0  
Moved Boyce second Larrabee to accept Harbor Budget Vote 5-0

Urchin use of Hagan Dock: Harbormaster to tell them they  
Cannot use Hagan Dock to haul up urchin catch. They can use the Pier if they  
pay the fee but cannot leave a truck or trailer on pier.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan

*Hilt Turner*

*Keith G. Larrabee*

*Corey Wall*

1-11-22

Stonington Harbor Committee  
Minutes October 12, 2021

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, Corey Webb, Justin Boyce, Evelyn Duncan, Selectman Rep.,  
George Stevens

PUBLIC: Dana Webb, Assist. Harbormaster, Ed Billings, Harbormaster

Item 1: Minutes of September 2021, tabled to next meeting

Item 2: Financials Fish Pier and Harbor

Duncan presented copies of the year to date financials along with her projected Income/expense at December 31<sup>st</sup>. It appears that both the pier and the harbor will have a surplus; the fish pier around \$57,000 and the harbor of around \$11,000. These numbers are after factoring in transferring funds from both to the dredging savings account. She pointed out that it is important for the town to collect all mooring fees, all excise taxes, and all documentation fees in order for the harbor account to continue to have a surplus which then funds capitol projects. It is also expected that expenses will be up due to payroll expenses. She also pointed out that the \$.25 on diesel sales should result in a \$90,000 income to the pier, that plus income from fees need to be enough to support the pier expenses and necessary capitol expenditures.

The Board will start to consider budget numbers for 2022 next meeting.

Moved Stevens second Boyce to accept financials Vote 4-0-1 Duncan

Item 3: Fee recommendations from the Board starting October 2021 to the Selectmen

Punt	presently \$200	recommended \$300
Parking	presently \$200	recommended \$300
Service Veh	presently \$200	recommended \$300
Daily User	presently \$100	recommended \$100 remain same
Annual User	presently \$10 ft	recommended \$10 ft remain same
Diesel fuel	presently \$ .25	recommended \$ .25 remain same
Dealer	presently \$ 5000	recommended \$ 7500
Garbage	the yearly price of garbage will be divided by the number of Dealers plus the fish pier whether or not the dealer is active on the pier. Extra loads, if needed, because of bait packaging will be charged to the firm(s) creating same. Cost to be determined monthly by the harbormaster and approved by the board.	
Mooring fee	The Board would like the selectboard to check and see if a harbormaster fee can be charged in addition to the regular and commercial mooring fees. Is it possible for one fee for residents and one fee for non residents?	
Skiff public	Presently \$200	recommended \$300 Skiff space should be on a lottery system as it is a public dock space

Moved Stevens second Webb to approve the recommendations for fees

Vote 4-0-1 Duncan

Item 4: Harbormaster report

The scissor jack has arrived

The cameras will be worked on next week

Buster will come this Thursday to remove Hagan dock floats, three will remain  
DOT and Army Corp were both down last week for inspections

Dana and Ed built platform under skiff ramp, it seem to be working pretty well  
may need a couple more tweeks

Dana and Ed are working on charging individuals that did not pay mooring fees

Went to planning board with Stevens and Duncan on new dock Greenhead

Speed is an issue in harbor. Turner agreed and will give Billings names of  
speeders he has observed

Billings reported that he has had a couple of residential mooring requests that  
do not seem to interfere with other moored vessels. Site discussed

Item 5: Loveland/Driesell dock permit. Billings reported that the Planning Board has  
tabled the permit and has sent it back to the Harbor committee. Hutchinson  
has installed buoys marking the dock location. Billings took two Planning  
Board members to check the buoys. The Planning Board asked Hutchinson  
for more detailed drawings of the area. Board discussed the issue again. It  
was still their feeling that, because of under water ledge, closeness of moored  
commercial fishing vessels, and that there was another location more suitable  
that they were still not in favor of the permit. Moved Boyce second Stevens to  
reject the permit. Vote 4-0-1 Duncan cannot vote

Item 6: Fish Pier policy

Kathleen Billings has gone over the draft fish pier policies from the harbor  
committee. She has made changes (in red). As the policy is lengthy the Board  
agreed to take it home and get back to the harbormaster any concerns or  
necessary rewrites before Friday so that the harbormaster can get any  
suggestions to the town office before Monday's Selectboard meeting.

Item 7: Application forms for fish pier fees

Punt OK as printed

Service vehicle OK as printed

Daily user OK as printed

Parking OK as printed

Annual user Add line VHS channel monitored

Transporter Not sure what this is covering who are they now?

Dealers Eliminate do you need a mooring

Add does dealer own vessels, if so list

Boat name who buy from can change and maybe a lot  
eliminate this section

Change How many boats to approximately how many  
vessels you buy from will dock at pier

Is anyone that removes product a dealer in pier policy?

Add service truck belongs dealer what is service on pier

Item 8: Outline of Harbor Policy

Duncan presented a two page outline to begin draft for harbor policy.

Outline consisted of following sections

Waterways

Moorings

Public Landing

Colwell ramp

Sand Beach

Harbormaster/harbor committee/selectboard duties

Duncan will take comments and discussion and turn it into sentence form.

Draft will get emailed to Harbor committee for changes and additions, then

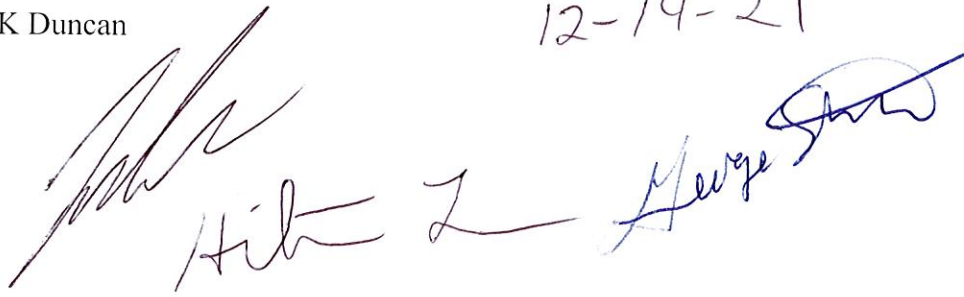
Be given to Selectboard.

Meeting adjourned 8:15PM

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan

12-14-21

  
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Colwell

Harbor Committee Minutes  
September 14, 2021

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, George Stevens, Richard Larrabee Jr, Isaac Dworsky, Justin Boyce, Evelyn Duncan (Selectman Rep)

PUBLIC: Ed Billings, harbormaster

Item 1: Minutes August 10, 2021 Moved Larrabee second Dworsky to accept minutes  
Vote 4-0-1

Item 2: Finances: Moved Turner second Dworsky to accept Fish pier financials Vote 5-0

Moved Turner second Stevens to accept Harbor minutes Vote 5-0

Item 3: Harbormaster report

Hoist #2 – New boom ready, hoist should not be so hard to work

Hoist #5 - Still leaking oil from seals. Awaiting Leighton to come and fix

Moorings - Billing spent the weekend pinging GPS for the Stonington moorings. He stated that he has 99% done and

will be ready to put on Google map

Dock - There will be a Planning Board meeting this Thursday regarding the dock application for Greenhead.

(see minutes last meeting) Harbormaster will be there and he would like at least one Board member to attend.

Pier - Although parking is still an issue generally the Pier users seem to be co-operating with each other

Ramp - Skiff ramp is too steep at low tide. Discussion of longer ramp, changing existing ramp back to original position.

Larrabee suggests a third option. Build a platform on the float that the ramp would ride on and then steps down to

the existing float. This would mean that the existing ramp would continue to be used. After discussion of this

suggestion Board decided that this would be their recommendation to the Selectboard.

Item 4: Scissor Jack: Billings submitted a quote for a used scissor jack from United Rentals Jack has 182 hours on it and is in good

condition. Cost would be \$ 6,750.00 and would be available in a couple of weeks. United Rentals would go

over the unit and replace anything necessary. Board asked about warranty. Billings will check. The unit does

extend out 4' which is what Pier needs. There may be some wiggle room in the price. It would not be able to

be moved without a trailer that has either a long ramp or is a low boy type as the unit has very limited space between

the ground and the bottom of the battery box. So far this is the only one found that fits the requirements.

Moved Stevens second Boyce that the unit should be bought Vote 5-0

Item 5: Hagan dock: Billings presented the revised drawing for Hagan Dock float. Board thought that perhaps an additional piling might be needed at each end of the two "T" floats. It might also make sense to shorten the end "T" float. Board liked the design and realizes that dredging is required. Moved Stevens second Dworsky to accept engineers drawing and proceed with modification of Hagan Dock. Vote 5-0

Item 6: Guest moor: Billings again brought up guest moorings, Board was still not in favor of installing guest moorings

Item 7: Camera: The quote for updating the cameras on the Pier was presented. It involves new antennas, new enclosure and one new camera. The new camera will be able to monitor Hagan dock as well as the pier. Cost is \$ 6,220.00. Turner moved Larrabee second to approve updating cameras with the Harbor paying one half the cost of the camera that will monitor it and the Pier paying the rest. Vote 5-0

Item 8: Policies: Present draft policy brought up. No more changes to this draft. Draft is missing Parking section, Service vehicles, and Day Permits for the pier. See new draft of September 15<sup>th</sup> for Board policy draft suggestions for these three sections

Item 9: Draft Duncan reminded the Board of the joint meeting September 21<sup>st</sup> to go over the draft. Meeting adjourned 7PM

Respectively submitted

Evelyn K, Duncan

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Stonington Harbor Committee  
Minutes June 8, 2021

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, Corey Webb, Richard Larrabee Jr., Justin Boyce, George Stevens, Isaac Dworsky, Evelyn Duncan

PUBLIC: Dana Webb, assistant harbormaster

Item 1: Minutes May 11, 2021 moved Larrabee, second Turner to accept minutes  
Vote 4-0-3

Item 2: Financials for harbor and fish pier.

Duncan commented that mooring fees are way up and more to come.

Dana Webb reported that he is continuing to work on the mooring list and expects to bill additional customers.

It was noted that the soda machines are now showing a profit and because of this the Board determined it should keep the machines.

Excise tax for documented boats are down. The State no longer gives us a list so a means to get and keep an accurate list for billing purposes needs to be determined. Duncan will work on it

Fuel sales are down as opposed to last year at this time. Board noted that not as many boats are in the water yet and trap setting to date is way down. It is expected that this will change.

Moved Boyce second Larrabee to accept harbor and fish pier financials.

Item 3: Report from Dana Webb and Duncan about what they knew about the new Harbormaster. Edward Billings

Item 4: Harbormaster report Dana Webb, assistant harbormaster

The #1 diesel pump failed to operate. Webb discovered the belt was broken and was able to get one to work from Napa. Pump still did not work a call to tech support resulted in being walked through a computer reset, our system will shut down if pump fails more than three times. Webb now knows how to reset and will document instructions for the book. Next week representative will come and go over the machines.

The steel floats at the end are in need of emergency repair. Leighton submitted a bid for \$1,170.00. This will be same fix as last time. Board discussed bid and decided it would not work as the last fix did not even last two years.

Buster has looked at floats and suggested cutting down uprights and welding a solid bar to the uprights to stabilize the floats. Board to go look at floats after meeting. Webb will remove the temporary board on the float as board member told of tripping hazard. Must be fixed ASAP (That evening Duncan had a call from Webb so she could inform selectmen that after inspection they were able to get hold of Buster and he has the material and can fix float first of week)

Dana Webb reported that the outboard prop was getting hit by other skiffs causing damage. Skiff float is too full. Discussion of turning the last float to make "L" configuration, discussion of moving boat to Hagan dock, discussion

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of telling Hutchinson to move his boat to the other side. Decided to table decision until new harbormaster arrives to get his input.

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Item 4: Lobster boat races

It was brought to the attention of the Board that even though the races have been held for years that the ordinance requires no wake/speeding in the harbor. The Board is going to work on policies and/or revisions for the ordinance and this will be one of the items on the agenda with this in mind it was moved Stevens second Turner to allow the boat races for 2021 as a special event exception to the ordinance rules. Vote 6-0

Item 5: Opera house parking

Has the Opera house taken over the ball field and can trailers/cars from fish pier park there as they were promised? Ask Selectmen please.  
Can they park at pier? They used to give a donation for this privilege, have they been doing so? Board was OK with parking after hours in the upper turn around area only. Could town office send a letter regarding donation if none has been received?

Item 6: Mooring waiting list.

Went over the list. Board would like to add mooring ownership/boat size/switching onto the policy/ordinance work list but want to wait until they get input from new harbormaster.

Item 7: Moved Larrabee second Turner to give permission for July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

Vendors should be responsible to pay for cleanup. Vote 6-0

Requests:

Add Corey Webb to email list [Corywebb1974@icloud.com](mailto:Corywebb1974@icloud.com)

Add George Stevens [Bohicago4@yahoo.com](mailto:Bohicago4@yahoo.com)

Dana Webb would like the mooring map he gave Henry back again as he thinks it will be helpful to re-map moorings

Meeting adjourned 7:15PM

7-13-21

Respectively submitted;

Evelyn K Duncan

*Henry Turner*  
*W. W. Webb*  
*W. W. Webb*  
*Corey Webb*  
*George Stevens*

Harbor Committee  
Minutes May 11, 2021

PRESENT: Hilton Turner, Dick Larrabee Jr, Cary Webb, Evelyn Duncan

PUBLIC: Harbor Master, Assist. Harbor Master, (5) members public

Item 1: Minutes 2/2/21 Tabled not enough present to sign/pass  
4/13/21 Tabled not enough present to sign/pass

Item 2: Financials: Harbor Moved Larrabee second Webb to accept vote 4-0  
Fish Pier Moved Larrabee second Webb to accept vote 4-0

Item 3: Billings as temporary harbor/pier manager reported that there were minor problems with two moorings and one dock. Also, a request for a mooring in Stonington Harbor. She is working on resolving the mooring and dock issues. Board suggested, and assistant harbor master agreed that there may be space for a new mooring beyond Two Bush Island. Dana Webb reported that the harbormaster boat is being removed from storage and he will paint the bottom. That the floats for Hagan dock will be moved from the transfer station and launched next week. That he has spoken to Buster Peasley about the ramp and we would need a 40' long one to replace the too steep 26' float presently accessing the skiff floats. His estimate was \$10-12,000 but materials are hard to get at the moment.

Item 4: Bill Damon asked the Board what if anything will change for his business on the Pier if the new ordinance passes. Billings went through copies of the old ordinances on which changes to the new combined ordinance were drafted. She remarked that a lot is the same and that the duties of the Harbor committee are the same. There were many questions as the Board and the public went over the old original ordinances and the new combined ordinance. The end result to Damon's question was that nothing would be decided until after the vote at town meeting.

Item 5: Old Business

Duncan reported that the Shellfish committee, at the request of the last Harbor Committee meeting, again looked at the LPA lease application of Jessie Klein and Alison Melvin. They told Duncan to inform the Harbor Committee that they were not in favor of the lease. Neither Klein or Melvin was at the Shellfish meeting.

Turner asked Billings about the dock application which was discussed at the last Harbor meeting. She told Turner that she had turned over their negative response to the dock permit to the CEO Judy Jenkins.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

Respectively submitted by Evelyn Duncan

  
  
  
  
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