

Harbor Committee
Minutes October 10, 2023

PRESENT: Cory Webb, Hilton Turner, Issac Dworsky, Justin Boyce, George Stevens

PUBLIC: Dana Webb (harbormaster) Evelyn Duncan (Selectman Rep)

Item 1: Minutes September 2023 Moved Stevens second Boyce to accept minutes Vote 4-0-1

Item 2: Financials Harbor Moved Boyce second Dworsky to accept Vote 5-0
Fish Pier Moved Stevens second Dworsky to accept Vote 5-0

Item 3: Harbormaster report

Buster wants to remove the remaining floats sooner rather than later. Board agreed to remove but leave 5 in place as did last year

Webb reported that he has checked treads at Hagan Dock and has a call into welder to repair

One boat went aground during wind/rain event was able to get off on tide

Dworsky reported that bracket on skiff float needs repair – Webb to check

Board studied the lease application for Brewer off Andrews Island and has no problem with approving application there

Item 4: Duncan gave an update on the harbor dredging (see attachment of Army Corp meeting notes)
Board addressed dredging of harbor and what they would recommend (see attached harbor sketch with notes)

Item 5: Board discussed problems with skiff dock. In addition to the fact that boats are grounding out at low tide the Board suggests that two pilings be installed to stabilize and secure the skiff floats and that the ramp location be moved with a step down. If there was a step down the existing ramp could still be used (see attached drawing)

Item 6: Duncan reported that Town Manager has not been successful in removing unauthorized skiffs from Hagan dock. If she could charge a high fine/fee of \$1000 she then could at least go to court. Board agreed Billings should charge whatever fee necessary

Item 7: Mooring Fees

Board would like to have the commercial non resident mooring fee raised from \$100 to \$200 per year. Out of 355 commercial moorings 163 are non-resident moorings.

The Board feels this is justified for following reasons

A: Stonington residents pay for harbormaster out of taxes

B: Stonington residents are earmarking funds out of taxes for future dredging

C: When do dredge in two years high cost will require Stonington to take out loans which will be paid by taxpayer money

D: Stonington does not get excise taxes from these boats which tax usually is used for harbor needs

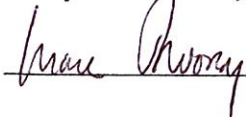
E: Non resident vessels have close access to buyers because they are able to moor here thereby saving them fuel, wear and tear on vessel, and time

F: Stonington harbors provide safety during most storms

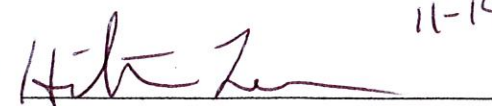
Meeting adjourned 6:45PM

Respectively submitted

Evelyn K Duncan, Secretary

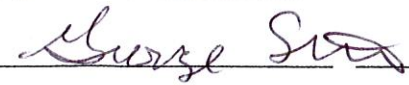


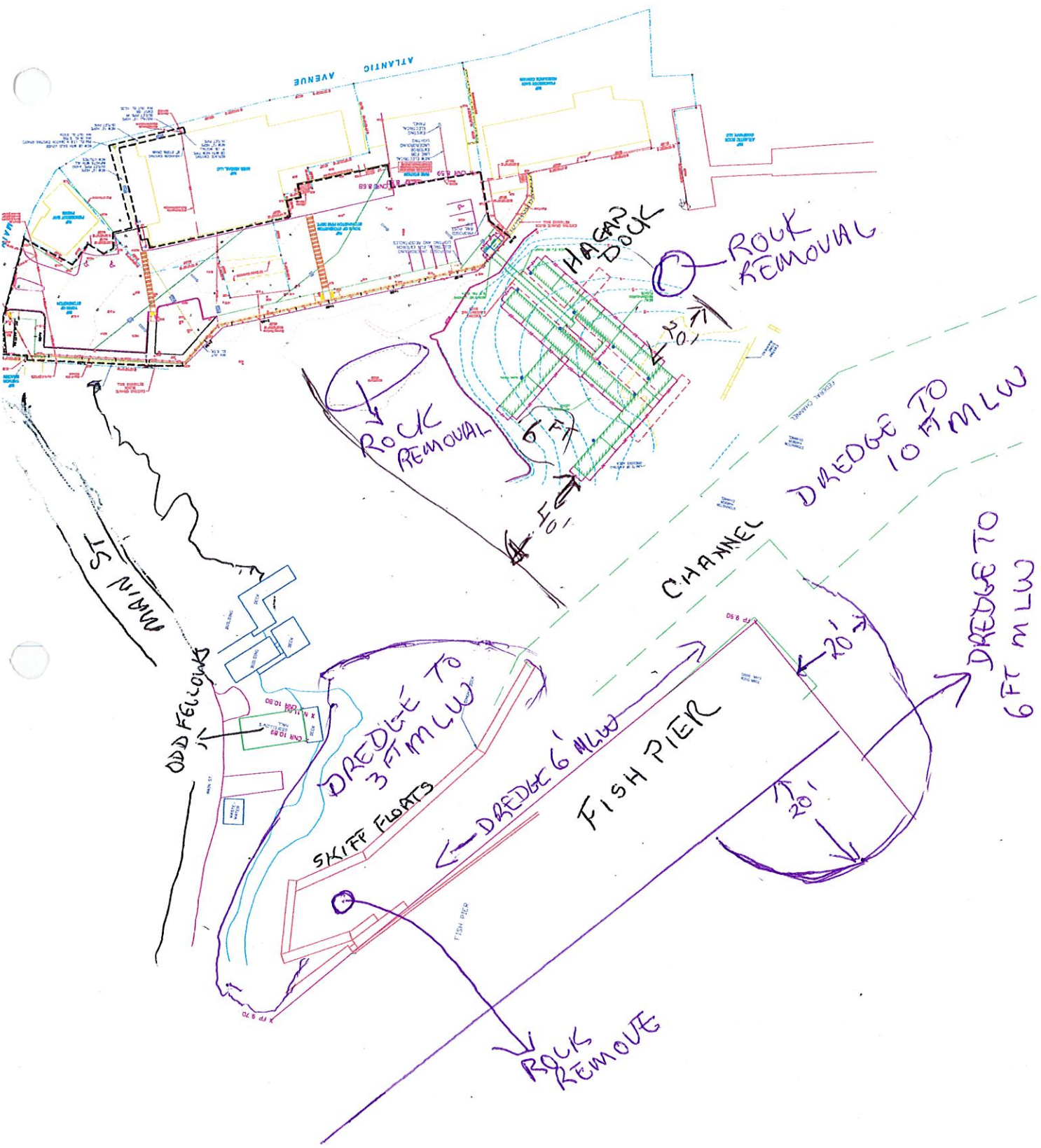




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Dredging update

Zoom meeting with Jennifer Thalhauser from Army Corp

- 1: Stonington thru Senator Collins has approval money for dredging channel, but needs Budget passed to move things along
- 2: Goal is for 10 foot depth within channel
- 3: Harbor has been tested to determine what current depths are
- 4: Shawn Mahaney the project manager for Maine Regulatory Augusta has checked previous permits for Stonington
 - A: We were issued 6 dredge permits in 1984 for fish pier then going around The private buildings in harbor to Hagan dock
 - B: We were issued a permit in 1996 for Fish pier expansion
 - C: We were issued a permit in 2006 to remove ledge at Hagan dock
- 5: Estimated time of arrival by Thalhauser is two years from now
- 6: Kathleen asked if there was any way the Army corps would expand the channel So that we could perhaps get free dredging. Thalhauser will look into it.
- 7: Two grant programs for Stonington were suggested
 - A: Coastal access and working waterfront
 - B: Coastal community planning
- 8: In order for us to get a permit to dredge in harbor we would need
 - A: Sample of product to be dredged
 - B: Enviromental permit
 - C: Design: Area, dredge amount, form information
 - D: If going to change or increase floats at Pier, Odd fellows, Hagan Dock
Need plans for same and all permits



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