

Wethersfield Advisory Parks and Recreation Board  
Harbor Management Commission  
Minutes - Thursday, November 19, 2015

The meeting was held at Town Hall and called to order by Chairperson Tom Ragonese at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Michael Bisi, Bill Derech, Richard Lepore, Tom Mull, Tom Ragonese and Dan Silbo. Also present were Mike Hurley, Council Liaison and Kathy Bagley, Director of Parks and Recreation.

A. Public Comments.

None.

B. Minutes – October 22, 2015.

Tom Mull moved to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2015 meeting with two corrections. The first correction is under H.1. – first paragraph, fifth sentence – remove the fifth sentence and replace with “Mr. Bisi asked how the Deputy Harbormaster would be trained for handling the enforcement part of the job.” The second correction is under H.1. – second paragraph, last sentence include the words “per boating season”. So the last sentence will read ...that the Harbormaster gets \$600 and the Deputy Harbormaster gets \$300 from the state per boating season. The motion was seconded by Dan Silbo and approved unanimously.

C. Monthly Report – October 2015.

Board members reviewed the monthly report. They discussed the elementary schools running clubs success with excellent enrollment numbers and participation in the local road races.

D. Letters and Announcements.

1. Holidays on Main – December 3, 2015 - 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Chairman Ragonese noted that this special event is co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Town. Santa arrives by fire truck and assists with the tree lighting ceremony. Food trucks are available, horse drawn carriage rides and ice carvers. The Webb Barn hosts the silent auction and Santa meets with children at the fire house.

2. Santa’s Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, December 5 - 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

This event is sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department and is a fundraiser for Special Olympics. The event is held annually and provides breakfast, horse drawn carriage rides in the neighborhood and a visit with Santa.

E. Old Business.

1. Cove Boat Launching Fees.

Chairperson Ragonese reported that the Town Council approved the 2016 boating fees as recommended by the Board. The Town Council members were supportive of the changes including the elimination of the launch fees for canoes and kayaks. Ms. Bagley told Board members that she received emails from some of the local residents that attended previous board meeting requesting this change. They were appreciative of the Board and Council action.

F. New Business.

None.

G. Board Member Comments.

1. Mr. Bisi reported that he mentioned the concern about the placement of the buoys in the river for the Glastonbury no wake zone to the Glastonbury Town Manager. Ms. Bagley will speak to the Wethersfield Town Manager to follow up with a letter requesting the appropriate placement for the 2016 season.
2. Wethersfield Police Boat – a question was raised about the security of the police boat on the new docks. Ms. Bagley reported that it has not been a problem, to reach the boat you would have to go around the secure gate on the dock. The boat was removed for the season but security will be evaluated on a daily basis when the boat is stationed at the dock next season.

H. Harbor Management Commission.

1. Deputy Harbormaster Position.  
Chairperson Ragonese reported that the Commission's recommendation of Mr. Anthony Ruggiero for Deputy Harbormaster was sent to the Governor's office. The commission will now wait to hear back from the Governor's office.
2. Harbormaster Boat.  
Commission members talked about a boat for the Harbormaster for the 2016 season. They asked Ms. Bagley to develop a report on what duties the boat is used for and the justification for the boat. She will work with staff and the Harbormaster to develop the report.

I. Motion to Adjourn.

Tom Mull moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Richard Lepore and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen A. Bagley, Director