

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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Green's Ledge Light

Minutes of June 1, 2011 Meeting

Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in Room 213, Town Hall.

Present were: Chairman McDonald, Vice Chairman Jewett, Commissioners Kemp, Cavers, Huffard, Schoudel, and Sparkman.

Absent were: Commissioners Raleigh and Monro, and Harbor Master Bell.

The minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman McDonald noted that the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be June 6. There will be a meeting with FEMA on June 7, and on June 9 there will be a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Long Island Sound Study, to discuss the Long Island Sound Study Action Agenda, which is acting under a new budget of \$5.9 million.

The Darien Annual Report for 2009-2010 has been released, with a report from this Commission included.

He noted that members of the Commission will conduct an informal dredging survey of the channel during the summer, with a view to deciding whether to proceed with the formal, professional, project that will engage consultants to measure the degree of fill-in since the last dredging, and estimate the volume, and cost, of the dredging that may be required. Should this project go forward it would be funded by the \$5,300 amount that was requested to be included in the Town's budget for 2011-2012 (which has subsequently been approved by the BOS, BOF and the RTM).

The Chair noted that the Boating Division of the State DEP has withdrawn their proposal to authorize on-line training to qualify for the award of the CT Safe Boating Certificate. The proposed implementation of this change met with opposition in the State Legislature – so the provisions in the package of regulations was withdrawn, pending further study of this issue.

Harbor Master's Report

Since Harbor Master Bell was unable to attend the meeting, Chairman McDonald read his report, noting that action on the waiting list will commence on June 15, and the deadline for existing mooring holders to be on their moorings. Operation of the new launch service by the Darien Boat Club is encouraging boat owners to take up moorings in the harbor which may then be serviced by launch.

Shellfish Report

In the absence of Commissioner Raleigh, it was noted that the coordinates of the Buzzeo permits are to be plotted so that the document on file with the Town Clerk may reflect the proper updated locations of the shellfish beds. Commissioner Cavers will provide technical assistance in this effort.

Flare/Up!/2011

Chairman McDonald expressed the appreciation of the Commission for the Darien Sail & Power Squadron in their organization of Flare/Up!, held at Weed Beach on Saturday May 14, 2011. The event, jointly sponsored by the Commission, was also assisted by members of the Darien Police Department, the Noroton Fire Department and the Darien Fire Marshall's office.

Mooring Specifications

In the absence of Commissioner Monroe, the draft updates to the mooring standards were discussed, and a vote on these matters was postponed until the next meeting. These revised standards will specify the use of bottom chain, scope of mooring, the weight of moorings on boats over 30 feet, and the size of chain. Commissioners' comments should be forwarded to the Chairman and Commissioner Monroe.

Other Business

No other new business was brought to the attention of the Commission.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Subject to a call for a special meeting in the interim, the next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday September 7, 2011.

NOTE – the September 7th meeting was canceled, in favor of the next regularly scheduled meeting, Wednesday October 5, 2011 in Room 213, Town Hall, 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted

Frank B. Kemp
Clerk