

MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

7:00 p.m. on June 1, 2023

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Stonington Middle School at 204 Mistuxet Avenue. Members present were Dave Carreau, Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook, Matt Beaudoin, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, guest Beth Gomes of Stonington Farms Shellfish, Inc., and recording secretary Katrina Bercaw. Harbormaster Burgess was unable to attend due to a death in the family.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 4, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Scott made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Harbormasters

a. Harbormaster Report: Harbormaster Procko reported that nearly all mooring fees are in. Dredging project on the Groton side is progressing. He noted that there are some liveaboard vessels anchored out. At the Amtrak meeting, they said that no interruptions are planned. The Harbormaster suggested the Commission require plastic rather than wooden winter sticks to mark moorings, which would reduce potential hazards by increasing visibility. A second consideration was to add pyramid moorings to the list of approved mooring weights. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve requiring plastic winter stickers and to add pyramid mooring weights to MHMC's approved list. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which was approved with all in favor.

b. Aquaculture Application from Stonington Farms Shellfish, Inc.: Kris Simmonds of 37 Roseleah Drive, Mystic, emailed requesting more area for his oyster business. Beth Gomes presented more details on the operation, including efforts to reach out to the community. Information only.

Unfinished Business

a. Mystic Harbor Commission Plan: draft is posted on the Town website. No comments have been received.

b. East Fairway Dredging Plan: awaiting funding; no news

New Business

a. Shore Design for Timothy Palmer: Retention of an existing/pre-1995 stone bulkhead and asphalt boat launch ramp at MBL 160-6-7 Masons Island Road. Mr. Allard made a motion to approve as not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

b. Shore Design for Timothy Palmer: Construct a 4/40 dock for recreational boating purposes at 160-6-7 Masons Island Road. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve as not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded, and motion passed with all in favor.

c. The harbormaster received a question from a slip owner on his possible right to have a mooring whether the slip qualifies as shorefront property with riparian rights. This was a hypothetical situation, as the question was raised in Groton. If action is needed, the Town Attorney would likely be consulted. Discussed, no action.

d. It was proposed that the Mystic Harbor Management's July meeting be canceled. Mr. Allard made a motion to cancel the July meeting. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Adjourn

Mr. Scott made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Dave Carreau, Chairman

Louis Allyn, Chair Elect