

MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

September 7, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023, in the Library at Stonington Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic. Members present were Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook, and Matt Beaudoin. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Harbormaster Todd Burgess, guest Tom Longo, and recording secretary Katrina Bercaw.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 1, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Cook made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Election of Officers

- Mr. Tom Longo has applied to be an alternate member of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission. Mr. Longo shared his extensive relevant background. He will be a welcome member once approved.
- Mr. Beaudoin has been moved up from alternate to regular member of the Commission.
- Mr. Cook nominated Mr. Allyn for the position of chairman and Mr. Allard seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Mr. Beaudoin made a motion to approve Mr. Scott as Vice Chairman; Mr. Cook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Allard was recognized for his work as Secretary and asked to retain this position, which he agreed to do. Mr. Allard has served on the Commission for 32 years.
- The town plans to recognize Mr. Careau, who served the Commission for 33 yrs, 22 as chairperson.

Harbormasters

a. Harbormaster Report: Harbormaster Procko attended the Amtrak Moveable Bridge Advisory Board meeting in August. He noted that they reported 611 bridge openings in July 2023. In 45-knot winds, the bridge won't open for vessel passage. They anticipate a 3 to 4 day shutdown for maintenance after the boating season.

Harbormaster Procko met with Captain Schneider, who introduced guidelines for police assistance with derelict boats, providing support to the harbormasters if there has been no resolution. The Harbormaster will tag the boat, complete a form documenting efforts to reach the owner, turn it over to the assigned partner officer, and send a copy to Ms. Bercaw for distribution to the Commission members.

- b. Harbormaster Burgess noted that he has received mooring fees from all but one mooring holder. He is gathering GPS coordinates for the Masons Island moorings; about half have been updated.

Unfinished Business

- a. It was reiterated that *digital copies of all applications* to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission should be received at least 7 days in advance of a meeting for review by the Commission. The email for submission is MysticHMC@gmail.com.

New Business

- a. Commission members were asked by the new chair to bring their thoughts to the next meeting on what the Commission might do more or less of with regard to actions of the committee.
- b. Harbormaster Procko said that Ram Island Yacht Club has requested three more moorings to accommodate reciprocity with other yacht clubs. It was suggested that they add their request to the Mystic Harbor mooring waiting list.

Adjourn

Mr. Cook made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Minutes by Katrina Bercaw, Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Allyn".

Lou Allyn, Chairman