

MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

November 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023, in the Library at Stonington Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic. Members present were Lou Allyn, Matt Beaudoin, and Ken Scott. Not present were members Fred Allard, Rod Cook, and Tom Longo. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Harbormaster Todd Burgess, recording secretary Katrina Bercaw, and guests Chris Gasiorek (Mystic Seaport Museum), Christina Fluckiger (Coastline Consulting), and Patrick Herlihy, applicant for alternate membership on the Commission.

Call to Order

Chairman Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

1. **Minutes**: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Scott made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Beaudoin seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

2. **Chairman**

- a) Discussed the Commission's account balance and some possible uses to provide more access to the river for the public.
- b) House Bill 05614: Mr. Allyn referred to an email from CHMA President John Pinto about his discussion with the DEEP that nothing has changed and the Commission should keep reviewing applications as usual.

3. **Harbormasters**

- a. Harbormaster Burgess is looking at possibilities north of Seal Rock to provide several moorings for those on the waiting list. He will meet with Mr. Allard to draft updates to maps in the draft MHMC Plan available on the Town website.
- b. Harbormaster Procko has authorized one new mooring in Mystic harbor. He hauled the Harbormaster boat this week. He shared information on the Amtrak movable bridge meeting.
- c. The unregistered 41-foot Hatteras has not been moved despite notification. The boat is in Lords Point Harbormaster Bob Tabor's jurisdiction. He may file the attached Harbor Master Request for Police Assistance.
- d. Harbormaster jurisdictions were discussed. The local Harbormasters group is planning to meet in the next few months.
- e. Discussed mooring standards including scope. After the meeting, Harbormaster Burgess provided this link to Chapman's Piloting and Seamanship chapter Permanent Moorings. Page 274 notes that "minimum space between moorings should be 1.25 times total scope plus boat length."
- f. Floating trees and other hazards: The harbormasters consulted with Chris Gasiorek of Mystic Seaport Museum, who agreed to continue to help remove hazards when possible.

- g. Online Mooring database: Mr. Herlihy will join Mr. Allyn, Mr. Longo, and Harbormasters Procko and Burgess, for an OLM training session next week.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Update of Stonington's Plan of Conservation Development (POCD): Mr. Allyn will attend meetings as appropriate. He noted that the Conserve Coastal Resources section of the plan refers more to the PZC than to the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.
- b. Visitor "white sheet" – Mr. Beaudoin is preparing an outline of a single page summary of pertinent information to go on the HMC website to help transient visitors easily find the information they need.
- c. Mystic Seaport Museum docks (HMC Pre-App consult 9.12.23): Christina Fluckiger from Coastal Consulting and Development LLC presented sketches of the proposed dock improvements at Mystic Seaport and Mr. Gasiorek responded to questions. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve the plan as it is in compliance with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan, and Mr. Beaudoin seconded the motion. No further discussion, motion passed unanimously.
- d. Kayak Launch Assistant: Mr. Longo is exploring options to provide broader access to the water. Discussed parking needs at various possible locations, and possibly including one at the Boathouse Project.
- e. Update DEEP Permit Application form instructions: Mr. Allyn reported that he had sent an email to the DEEP requesting that an instruction be added to Permit Application forms that they also be submitted electronically.

5. New Business

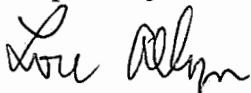
- a. Application for Alternate committee membership: Mr. Patrick Herlihy, who lives in Pawcatuck, has applied to be an alternate for the Commission. Mr. Herlihy introduced himself and described his interest and experience, including reading technical drawings. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve Mr. Herlihy as an Alternate on the commission, which Mr. Beaudoin seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourn

Mr. Beaudoin made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Katrina Bercaw, Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,



Lou Allyn, Chairman

Attachment: Harbor Master Request for Police Assistance



Stonington Police Department

Harbor Master Request for Police Assistance



Date vessel first observed: _____

Exact position: Latitude: _____

Longitude: _____

Nearest landmark: _____

Circle one: Anchored Moored Beached

Description of vessel:

Name: _____

Make: _____

Model: _____

Year: _____

Color: _____

Sail/Power: _____

Registration State: _____

Registration #: _____

Owner/Occupant Contact Information:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Was vessel tagged by Harbor Master Y N

Notified owner/occupant to vacate on:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Method: By phone In-person

Tender description: _____

Location of land access: _____

Specific local or State regulation vessel is in violation of:

Additional information:

If possible, please remember photo documentation of vessel and notification attempts to be included

Harbor Master Name

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Date submitted