

# MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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## Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

October 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

### FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, in the Library at Stonington Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic. Members present were Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook, Matt Beaudoin, Ken Scott, and Tom Longo. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Harbormaster Todd Burgess, and recording secretary Katrina Bercaw.

#### Call to Order

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

Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 7, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Allard made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

#### Harbormaster Reports

Chairman Allyn noted the Fifth Annual National Harbormaster Appreciation Day on October 8, and recognized the work of our harbormasters.

Harbormaster Procko thanked Harbormaster Burgess for his help with the Online Mooring database. The river is getting quiet, with fewer boats and kayakers on the water.

Harbormaster Burgess asked about the history of moorings off of Masons Island near Seal Rocks, which was reviewed by others present. He and Harbormaster Procko are meeting with other local harbormasters toward sharing ideas, as well as further implementing systematic mooring grids.

#### Unfinished Business

- a. Tom Longo has officially been sworn in at Town Hall as a member of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission.
- b. *Grand Biddle* came adrift and went on the rocks just north of the Masons Island Yacht Club. SeaTow pulled it off.
- c. Discussion of Harbor Management Activities: The importance of continuing to maintain transparency with the public, including those on a waiting list, was emphasized. The harbormasters are the face of the committee – as when someone wants a mooring, that's who they meet with. Disclosure of account funds—the report from the town is not yet coming to the new chair. Clarify the procedure to report hazards to navigation such as floating docks that came loose, and for the Commission to arrange removal.

### New Business

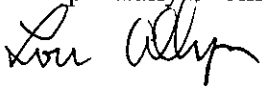
- a. The Town has begun its process to update its 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development; MHMC is participating.
- b. Mr. Beaudoin suggested creating a visitor-friendly white sheet with basic contact information helpful to transient vessels including transient anchorage, bridge schedule, marina contact. A draft will be presented at the next meeting.
- c. The Regular Meeting Schedule was signed, maintaining 7 p.m. on first Thursdays at Stonington Middle School schedule for MHMC meetings.
- d. Mr. Allyn introduced a DEEP pre-application package for a dock modification project at Mystic Seaport Museum by Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC, of Branford. No action was taken, as the digital file arrived too late for it to be included on this month's agenda.
- e. Commissioner Longo suggested kayak launch assistance that would increase accessibility be considered for a location such as near the fireboat dock between the bridges. Parking would need to be indicated.
- f. Items for the agenda should be submitted to mystichmc@gmail.com and the chair by one week before the meeting. Chairman Allyn will contact DEEP to request updating the form to include submission of electronic copies.

### Adjourn

Mr. Allard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Bowdoin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes by Katrina Bercaw, Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted,



Lou Allyn, Chairman