

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

January 7, 2016 Minutes

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were: Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Jack Lee, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard.

Also present were: Harbormaster Don Procko, town attorney Brian Estep and Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary). Guests were: Scott Ferguson, Diane Chamberland, Fred Chamberland, Garry A. Higgins, Jodi Higgins, Ellen Clark, Phil Clark, Robert Conigliaro, John Casey, Don Gerwick, Grant Westerson, Andre Maurice, Patricia Small, Steven Small, Robert Mohr, Karen Mohr, Mart Julian, Gary Julian, Susan Lawrence, Carol Barnes Craig, Chrys Farrington, Hamilton Moore, Jason Farrington, Jayne Scott, Julia Scott, Dr. Barbara Keller, Hamilton Salsich, Nancy Rush, Richard Dixon, Paul Bates, Ken Peters, Fred Ziegler, Scott Bailey, Michele Peters, Tim Pratt, William Cy, Ben Vreen, Delycia Salsich, Nancy d'Estang, Susan Graham, Eric Vincent, Jo Anderson, and Jill Cy.

In addition, letters were received from Capt. G. A. Higgins (based on international regulations) and Nachiketa Tiwari in opposition to the Riverbend Drive pier.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the December 3, 2015, meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that mooring permit applications will be going out shortly. The cover letter includes the proposed added documentation of the vessel's registration and mooring inspections. It also reiterates the requirement for Latitude/Longitude location figures to be filled in for each mooring permit by the boat owner. The waiting list will be posted shortly.

Unfinished Business

Chairman Carreau made a motion to move agenda item 4e forward in recognition of the many guests present. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Allyn, seconded by Mr. Allard, to accept the applicant's proposal for a 2 ft. retrenchment from his application. Chairman Carreau then provided the background and status of the application by A. Maurice for a pier, float and boat lift and the request for a hearing with the DEEP filed on behalf of the Commission. New data on the

channel depths from a recent Hydrographic Survey had just become available. Although Chairman Carreau had indicated that he would recommend acceptance of a 2 ft pullback of the float at the Hartford DEEP pre-hearing, he now realizes that any decision relative to the encroachment on the channel should be based on the most accurate data available. It was agreed that Mr. Allyn will forward the recent survey via e-mail to Attorney Brian Estep for him to provide it to Attorney John Casey of Robinson and Cole, representing Mr. Maurice. The concern of a great many of the attending guests is that the proposed pier will infringe on the channel which is the only vessel access seaward for the Riverbend Drive Association property owners and also for all of the residents of Old Mystic upriver. Mr. Allyn moved that a count be taken as to whether the guests present were in favor of accepting the 2 foot pullback toward shore, agreed to in Hartford, or if they were against the dock still protruding out into the channel from the result. Two voted to accept and 32 were against.

Chairman Carreau made a motion to table the matter while the Commission and applicant review the latest Hydrographic Data. Mr. Allard seconded the motion; it carried unanimously.

- Dredging of the Auxiliary State Channel in Mystic Harbor is underway around the clock.
- East Fairway Dredging - Hydrographic Survey: Mr. Allyn spoke with Docko Inc. and Mr. Scott with Coastline Consulting & Dev. about proposal submittals for the next project step.
- Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard is compiling data to update the T-3 transient anchorage area north of the Seaport. A marine survey of the area may be necessary.
- Sign for Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street will be ordered.
- Dock at Clipper Point: awaiting information from DEEP.

New Business:

- COP Application by Scott & Kimberly Andersen for a pier and float in Old Mystic submitted December 31, 2015. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve. Mr. Allard seconded and it was approved unanimously.
- PZ1526SUP & CAM - YMCA, Harry Austin Drive: This revised plan dated November 17, 2015 for additional parking is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve. Mr. Allard seconded and it which was unanimously approved.
- Auxiliary Channel Dredging Ext. Mod. to DEEP-COP #201505218-MG, dated November 4, 2015 was reviewed. It is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to approve it, which was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Lee seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

David Carreau, Chairman

Date