

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

March 12, 2015 Minutes

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a special meeting on Thursday March 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were: Lou Allyn, Don Procko, Dave Carreau, Rod Cook, Fred Allard and Jack Lee. Harbor Master Paul Watts and Bill Brissette also attended.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting were presented by Chairman Carreau. Mr. Lee made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Procko and approved by the commission.

Harbor Master(s)

Harbor Master Watts submitted his resignation effective May 15, 2015. Chairman Carreau stated that he had submitted a list of three names to the Governor's Office for consideration in filling the post.

Mr. Watts submitted his assignment of moorings in the turning basin triangle. Criteria is based on: (1) vessel draft and water depth, (2) approval of properly filled out permit applications, (3) grid layout in the triangle, (4) standard tackle and mooring scope. Discussion centered on the fact that moorings might be more effectively replaced by the facility that removed the moorings because of their familiarity of the area, knowledge from diver mooring inspections and the present storage status. This resulted in a discussion as to whether the Commission could mandate this contract sole source considering each mooring holder is to pay for his respective reinstallation. Chairman Carreau will obtain legal counsel.

Harbor Master Watts stated that he had deposited \$4700 from mooring fees. Not all mooring applications had been returned.

Mr. Allyn announced that Bryan Burdick is the new Harbor Master in Noank replacing Jim Giblin. Also, the State of Connecticut has formed a Port Authority for the three deep water state ports.

Unfinished Business

Dredging Auxiliary Fairway

Mr. Allyn stated that the plan to dredge the auxiliary fairway is scheduled for October 15, 2015.

Ram Island Yacht Club Mooring in The East Fairway

Harbor Master Watts said the he had talked to a Ram Island Yacht Club member, who has a volunteer that is willing to move the mooring. It was recommended that this offer be accepted.

East Fairway Shoal Obstruction

Chairman Carreau restated the obstruction which was found by the diver survey to be small rocks along part of one edge of the fairway. It is believed that it would be easier to move a channel marker buoy a few feet rather than attempt to get permission to remove the rocks.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review

Mr. Allard is working on mapping updates of the management plan. He also has narrative suggestions.

Mr. Allyn went over the town's Conservation and Development Plan. In general it is in line with the Harbor Management Plan.

New Business

Legal Notice - Pier & Float - A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive

Chairman Carreau received a package with the legal notice to place a dock, float and lift within the fairway in front of his property. This request had been brought to this commission on October 2, 2014 and November 6, 2014. The request was denied as it blocked the fairway to Old Mystic. This legal notice package contained approval documentation from the Army Corps. The commission still feels that it should be denied. Harbor Master Watts also stated that he still objects to blocking this fairway and the precedence that it sets. Mr. Cook made a motion that the commission go on record as still being against this design. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved by the commission.

DEP-OLISP-APP Seawall Repair at Latimer Point - A. Worthington

Although this location is just outside of the commission's jurisdiction it was discussed. If it were in our jurisdiction, a motion would have been made indicating that there are no inconsistencies with The Mystic Harbor Management Plan and the project would have been approved.

PZ1501ZC Map Error Correction - Jackson Avenue, Mystic

The map error was reviewed. Mr. Allyn made a motion that this correction should be made and that there are no inconsistencies with The Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded it and the commission approved the motion.

PZ0360SD Storm Drainage - Toll Brothers' Old Mystic Estates

The Commission approved the original drainage design as stated in our September 4, 2014 minutes. This was based on their letter to the commission dated September 3, 2014 which stated that they complied with p.42 of the Harbor Management Plan. This same situation still exists. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept the modified design. Mr. Lee seconded it and it was approved by the commission.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourn at 8:50 PM.


Respectfully submitted,
David Carreau - Chairman