

Mystic Harbor Management Commission  
April 2, 2015 Minutes  
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were Lou Allyn, Dave Carreau (Chair), Rod Cook, Jack Lee, and Don Procko. Also present were Harbormaster Paul Watts, Keith Neilson of Docko Inc., Ken Scott, Tim Porter of Mystic Shipyard, Tom Blumie, Paul Bates, Groton Harbor Commission, and Katrina Bercaw, recording secretary.

**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 March 12, 2015 special meeting were presented by Chairman Carreau. Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

**Mooring Assignment for the Turning Basin**

Harbormaster Watts said mooring permit renewals have been coming in steadily; 95% of mooring fees have been paid for the 20 moorings.

**Mooring Reinstallation in the Turning Basin**

Mr. Tim Porter of the Mystic Shipyard, which is under contract by the Commission for the management and coordination of the mooring reinstallation task, stated that due to the accuracy involved in mooring positioning, it is necessary for them to do all of the actual placements of each mooring. The March 30th NOTICE TO MOORING HOLDERS states that a professional installer can be utilized under the direction of the Mystic Shipyard. This was the Commission's understanding from the March 20th meeting at the Shipyard but it is not correct. The notice will be withdrawn.

The technical discussion that followed resulted in the realization that the GPS hardware being used by installers is not adequate. Mr. Keith Neilson of DOCKO, Inc. who was present, pointed out that the precision GPS such as was used by the Army Corps for dredging is necessary to lay out the grid with an accuracy in inches rather than feet. DOCKO has auto-cad capabilities which can be overlaid on the Army Corps finished dredging drawings. Mr. Neilson offered to contribute his services to our community to provide the necessary engineering effort so the grid can be accurately staked out for replacement of the selected moorings.

In summary, Mr. Allyn will provide the Army Corps drawings to DOCKO. DOCKO will provide the necessary grid layout to the Mystic Shipyard. The Shipyard will drop each mooring in place with the required scope to meet vessel and grid requirements. The Commission is funding the management and coordination effort. Each mooring holder is financially responsible for his mooring hardware and mooring placement in the grid by the Mystic Shipyard.

**Harbormaster Transition:**

There has been no word from the State. Chairman Carreau will contact the Governor's Office.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **Mooring in the East Fairway**

Harbormaster Watts has been unable to reach Paul Weeks relative to his offer to help remove the Ram Island Yacht Club mooring that is in the fairway. He will continue trying.

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

Mr. Carreau sent a copy of the March 12, 2015 draft minutes to Mr. Micheal Grzywinski - DEEP which repeated our position is still in opposition to the proposed design as it partially blocks the only fairway in the Mystic River up to Old Mystic. Also pointed out was that a public notice was published in The New London Day Newspaper on February 5, 2015.

## **New Business**

### **PZ1506SUP & CAM Gwenmore Marina, Inc**

Mr. Neilson presented the plans for new restrooms and additional parking. The project was reviewed and found to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve. Seconded by Mr. Procko. The Commission approved the motion.

### **PZ1508SUP Stephen F. Simoncini - Special use Permit**

The plans for Conversion from an Auto Service Station to a Wine Bar were presented. The project was reviewed and found to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn moved to approve. Mr. Lee seconded it. The Commission approved the motion.

## **Municipal Training Lecture**

Lecture on April 9th at the Groton Public Library. Information on training.

## **Jail House Point Transient Dock**

Someone removed the float, possibly for repair. Mr. Allyn will seek more information.

## **New Business**

### **Murphy Boat**

Harbormaster Watts said James Murphy's boat is still on the Y's beach. He will call the Stonington police to check on what is being done.

## **Connecticut Bill Pending**

Mr. Bates said Connecticut's proposed Port Authority Bill could take over the harbor masters according to the proposed legislation. Mr. Allyn will investigate.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Allyn. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Carreau - Chairman