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Mystic Harbor Management Commission

May 5, 2016 Minutes

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on May 5, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission Members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Jack Lee, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Attorney Brian Estep, Keith Neilson P.E., Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guest Paul Bates.

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 April 7, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved. Minutes of the April 13, 2016, special meeting were presented. Mr. Lee made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved. Minutes of the April 28, 2016, special meeting were presented. Mr. Lee made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that approximately $1000 for mooring permits was received this week.

The owners of two boats that had over stayed the 7-day limit in the T-3 area for transient vessels were notified. They have departed.

The Harbormaster noted that Brian Burdick and the USCG reported finding a buoy which may be the missing #3 green marker from the East Fairway.

Unfinished Business

Pier and Float Application by A. Maurice: Mr. Allyn made a motion to move agenda item 4e regarding the Maurice application forward in consideration of the guests present. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which carried unanimously. Attorney Estep reported that the Mystic Harbor Management Commission was not given "intervening party" status, but was awarded "intervenor" status for the DEEP public hearing scheduled for June 6, 2016. In addition, the DEEP has received a request from 12 property owners for "intervening party" status, and another from an individual property owner, also for "intervening party" status. On May 4, 2016 the DEEP performed a site survey and held a pre-hearing conference locally. The DEEP will hold a local public hearing on May 10 at 6 p.m. at the Mystic Fire Station at 34 Broadway, Mystic.

Secondary Auxiliary State Channel Marker Replacements: The channel has been dredged. Masons Island Marina will replace the two green buoys to mark the new channel position as close as possible to their pre dredged position for this season. It is planned to replace buoy markers of this channel with pilings to more easily distinguish this channel from the federal channel. The USCG asked Harbormaster Procko about marker numbers. This season they will be the same as before dredging. The final numbering system will be based on the total number of pilings installed.

Mooring Permits: Many mooring holders have not provided their mooring Latitude/Longitude location on their applications. A mid-summer reminder to supply missing information was discussed.

East Fairway - Hydrographic Survey for Dredging - No. 3 Green Marker Buoy: The replacement buoy is scheduled to be put on station next week by Jackson Vibber.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: On hold until time allows.

Private Moorings in the North Transient Anchorage Area T-3: The Commission and Harbormaster are pursuing alternatives to determine a workable location outside of the transient area. However, it appears that this transient area should be expanded because of the ever increasing use. Due to the recent dredging of the federal channel, a Topographical Survey should be conducted. Mr. Allard will prepare a drawing to determine the feasibility of expansion and pursue getting a quotation for the required area to be surveyed.

Sign for Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street: The dinghy dock is now in place for the summer. Work on getting the new signs will start.

Dock at Clipper Point: No new information.

New Business

DEEP COP - Mason's Island Yacht Club Launch Ramp Rehabilitation: Docko, Inc., has prepared a permit application to repair the existing ramp with the same footprint. Mr. Allard moved the application be approved, as it is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

DEEP Notice of Non-Compliance at 33 Roseleah Drive - Shannon: A copy of a notice of non-compliance was issued by the DEEP. It was delivered to Harbormaster Procko.

Mr. Allyn moved and Mr. Scott seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Carreau, Chairman