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Mystic Harbor Management Commission
July 2, 2015 Minutes
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, July 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc., 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 June 4 meeting were presented. A correction was suggested by Mr. Procko: Under Unfinished Business, "Paul Bates" was amended to "Tom Weeks." Mr. Allard made a motion to accept with the change. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster's Report
Harbormaster Procko reported that all 20 moorings in the turning basin are in and there have been no reported problems. Cleanup of mooring hardware was discussed. Someone inquired about a mooring that was removed in preparation for dredging that has not being utilized.

Harbormaster transition: Mooring fees continue to come to Paul Watts, who sends them in.

Vessel *Klang II* remains in the transient anchorage area above Mystic Seaport past the allowed visitation time period. Previous Harbormaster Paul Watts had earlier given owner Bill Webb a grace period in which to get the boat operational. Harbormaster Procko will be in touch to establish a date for the vessel's departure.

Unfinished Business
Auxiliary Fairway: Chairman Carreau gave Harbormaster Procko a copy of the diver survey of the East Fairway, which shows a Ram Island Yacht Club guest mooring in mid channel. The mushroom has bottom paint on it from being hit by vessels using the fairway. Harbormaster Procko has arranged for removal of the mooring with the help of Mr. Weeks.

The survey also identified a gravel bar that sticks out 12 to 18 feet from the east side of the channel, and which is about 60 feet in length. The Commission discussed the need for dredging this area plus the generally shallow mid section. A hydrographic survey would be the first step.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan review: Chairman Carreau noted that there are two categories of moorings in the plan: those in mooring fields and those associated with property owners' rights. The moorings in the turning basin, a federal area, result in a third category and are non-conforming with the harbor management plan. Mr. Allard moved that the management plan be revised to reflect the present situation and that the moorings in the turning basin are to be eliminated through attrition. The policy must clarify that these moorings cannot go unused or be

extended beyond the present individual permit holder. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Legal Notice regarding A. Maurice's proposed pier and float at 36 Riverbend Drive: No new information.

New Business

Mr. Neilson of Docko, Inc., presented a draft plan per DEP-OLISP-APP-101E for a new floating dock by Lignum Vitae on Holmes Street in the Mystic River. After review, Mr. Allyn moved that the plan be accepted. The proposed dock is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

A proposal for winterization of the Jail House Point ramp and float on Holmes Street has been received from Gwenmor Marine, who repaired last year's damaged float. For $700 per year, Gwenmor will lift the ramp and store the float in the fall and put it back in the spring. Mr. Cook moved that the proposal be accepted and funded by the commission. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion, which was approved after discussion. Mr. Allard objected, believing that funding should come another source.

The new Port Authority legislation became effective July 1, 2015. Discussion centered around seeing if this new entity could provide support and be a funding source for dredging the east fairway.

The August meeting of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission will be cancelled. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 3, at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Carreau moved and Mr. Allard seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

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David Carreau July 2, 2015
Chairman