

**PROPOSED MINUTES OF 8/5/14 MEETING
PAWCATUCK RIVER HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014 a meeting of the Pawcatuck River Harbor Management Commission was convened at 7 p.m. at the office of Ray Trebisacci. Raul Ferreira, Tim O'Brien, Ray Trebisacci, Sandy Grimes and John O'Brien were present.

The Minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were unanimously accepted as proposed.

Raul reported that he contacted our Westerly counterpart. Their Chairman John Steadman would be more than happy to come to one of our meetings.

Tim reported on his contact with DEEP. By law, they must send us any requests that might affect the river upon which we may offer our comment. Further, they must approve of any plan we submit before it can become official. They did with the last plan that was proposed, but never enacted.

Sandy reported that he spoke with the CRMC who also send us any requests that may affect the river for our review and comment if we feel the need.

Ray Trebisacci reported that he spoke with Chief Stewart who noted that the Department takes their boat up the river two times per week and are available to address any complaints of illegal activity on the river as needed.

John reported that there are approximately 80 moorings presently located within the river. Mooring opportunities are somewhat limited because there is not a lot of deep water in the river. He will send us a current map of the moorings with a list of who holds them. Presently, they are free but past proposed plans have included a fee of \$25 per private mooring and \$75 per commercial mooring. This would have to be approved as an ordinance, however.

We discussed that although our Commission might have lofty goals of regulating environmental impact and safety along the river, the State and Town currently have a system that addresses that and our group could never equal that without great expense and the creation of another layer of infrastructure. Therefore, our group may be best served by focusing on the regulation of the mooring.

Ray Trebisacci will attempt to obtain any minutes there might be of any hearing that might have been on the last plan that was proposed before scheduling and the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond T. Trebisacci,
Acting Secretary

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