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Mystic Harbor Management Commission

October 1, 2015 Minutes

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Jack Lee, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Paul Bates, William Botchis, Mary Botchis, Tim Porter (Mystic Shipyard), 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 September 3 meeting were presented. Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster's Report

No changes

Unfinished Business

- Dredging of Auxiliary Fairway: The Army Corps has scheduled dredging to start in November of this year. Mr. Salvatore of the CT - DOT stated that he would set up a meeting of all parties before dredging starts. Mr. Porter noted that the navigational pilings have been marked for pulling before dredging. The Commission's understanding is that the Army Corps will absorb the cost for pulling and replacement. Dredging under the drawbridge is also on the Army Corps agenda.
- Ram Island Yacht Club Guest Mooring in the East fairway: Mr. Procko sent Ram Island Yacht Club a letter apprising them of this mooring which presents a dangerous obstruction in the fairway which is also inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. They responded that the situation would be addressed at their Board meeting on October 13. Chairman Carreau noted that he had found that the subject mooring, marked J-57, has a GPS measured latitude and longitude position as measured by the diver survey of 10/30/14 to be the same location as that specified on the Ram Island mooring permit for mooring K-54. It appears that the present permit data should be investigated for disparities.
- East Fairway Channel Dredging: Mr. Allyn and Mr. Scott will work on moving this project forward. The shallow area on the east side of this fairway is a hazard. The past precedent of only allowing previously dredged areas to be dredged has changed with the dredging of both the Blackhall and Fourmile Rivers. The description of these projects is published in the "THE

DAY" on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 page D1. For the immediate situation, a notice has been posted on the Town of Stonington website which reads, "Please be advised that the depth in the East Fairway can be as low as two (2) feet in some places at low tide. Use caution when using this passage." Also, two obstruction buoys to more clearly mark the channel edge in this area is being planned for next season.

- Mystic Harbor Management Plan review: No report at this time
- Legal Notice - Pier and Float application by A. Maurice at 36 Riverbend Drive: A copy of the NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENCY for this project from the DEEP has been sent to Carol Craig of the Riverbend Homeowners Association for information.
- Moorings in the Transient Anchorage area: Mr. and Mrs. Botchis obtained two mooring permits in the T-3 Transient Anchorage area north of the Mystic Seaport for patrons at their restaurant. This location is inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Chairman Carreau will seek legal counsel.
- Sign for the Public Dinghy Dock: A sign to indicate the Public Dinghy Dock is in process for installation in the spring.
- Repair of East Fairway Marker No. 3: A counterweight will be attached when possible.
- Derelict Mushroom East of Masons Island: This obstruction has been removed at commission expense and is no longer a hazard.

New Business

- Calendar: The Mystic Harbor Management Commission will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall in Mystic in 2016.
- US Coast Guard Notification for Commercial Fishing Vessels: This material was given to Harbormaster Procko.
- A private dock at Clipper Point in Old Mystic appears to have been refurbished. Mr. Cook will enquire to verify that the documentation is in order.
- Harbormaster Procko reported that the waiting list for moorings can now be accessed on the Town of Stonington's web page.

Mr. Allard moved and Mr. Lee seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

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David Carreau, Chairman Date