

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for October 6, 2016

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on October 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Shelby Doughty, Paul Bates, and Tom Blumie.

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 1, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported on his work on relocation of vessel *Poet's Lounge* and regarding other moorings in proximity to the East Fairway. He has sent notification of revocation of a mooring permit in the turning basin via certified mail. He created a form letter for non-compliance users of anchorage areas such as exceeding the 7-day limit. In this case, Harbormaster Procko responded to a complaint regarding a sailboat in the T-3 transit anchorage area.

Unfinished Business

- Secondary Auxiliary State Channel: Chairman Carreau stated that the pilings to mark the newly dredged channel are scheduled to be installed by the Masons Island Marina soon. Unscheduled hauling due to Hurricane Matthew took precedent over planned efforts.
- Mooring Permits: Harbormaster Procko reported that he has had response from some letters which he sent out to mooring holders requesting Latitude/Longitude and vessel identification. Requirements for vessel information on rented commercial moorings was discussed. Identification of these vessels in case of an emergency or if a vessel is adrift should be available. It was agreed that the harbormaster should request additional information from marinas.
- East Fairway - Hydrographic Survey for Dredging: The Proposal for Environmental Permitting for Dredging was discussed. The commission will proceed with the next step. The buoys which are presently in place have had their locations approved by the CG Auxiliary and logged into the USCG database.
- Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: A procedure for the Harbormaster to take legal

action is considered a necessity in the next edition of the management plan.

- Pier & Float Application - A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: No new information.
- Private Moorings in Anchorage - T-3 Hydrographic Survey: This area is becoming more complex with the town's acquisition of the property north of Mystic Seaport. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve up to \$3,500 to engage Docko, Inc. to survey the entire area out to the Groton town line in the middle of the river. It is believed that the town's needs and the ever-increasing use by transients must be taken into consideration. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and approved.
- Sign for the Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street: Will be procured when time is available.
- Dock at Clipper Point: Documentation update by the CT DEEP is in process.
- Kelp Production (Gates Island area) by the Thimble Island Oyster Company: Mr. Allyn will request an update on their plans.

New Business

Application by the Connecticut Cultured Oysters/Aeros Cultured Oysters: This document was reviewed by the commission without comment. It is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction.

Regular Commission Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2017: The Commission will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Fourth District Voting Hall. The meeting time will change to 7:00 p.m. effective in January.

Chairman Carreau mentioned the STONINGTON RESILIENCY PLAN organized by the Town Planner Keith Brynes. It is scheduled for October 20, 2016, at 6:00 PM at the Mystic Aquarium, 55 Coogan Blvd. The focus will be on how Stonington prepares for sea level rise and extreme weather. Visit the Town Website at: www.stonington-ct.gov for more information.

Mr. Allyn moved and Mr. Cook seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Carreau, Chairman