

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
October 2, 2014 Minutes
Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Don Procko, Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Fred Allard, Jack Lee and Harbor Master Paul Watts. Paul Bates, Jeff Anderson, Bill Brissette, Geoffrey Jones, Andre Maurice, Robert Conigliaro, Andre Bumgardner, Capt. Bet Robinson, and Steve Juiyes were also present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Allard made a motion to accept the September 4, 2014 minutes. Mr. Cook seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved it.

Harbor Master Report – Murphy Boat

Geoffrey Jones informed the commission on the status of the Murphy boat. He towed the boat from the YMCA bathing beach to the mud flat behind Schooner Wharf and secured it to the dock and shore so that if it sinks again it will be manageable. Harbor Master Watts reported that two marine surveyors have refused to survey the boat which is needed for legal documentation. Mr. Jones and Harbor Watts will pursue finding a marine surveyor.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of Federal Channel & Mystic Auxiliary Fairway Notices

The contractor for dredging the federal channel and turning basin has been selected. Dredging is scheduled to start in November. The auxiliary channel to the north of Masons Island is held up because of approval date problems for the disposal permits and may need to be put off until next year because of environmental constraints.

No. 5 East Fairway Marker

Arrangements will be made to have this marker pulled for the winter.

East Fairway Obstruction

Mr. Paul Bates recommended that Jay Kane, a commercial diver from Shoreline Diving Services, be asked for recommendations as to how to proceed to search this area for abandoned moorings.

New Business

Town of Stonington – 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

The regular meetings of the MHMC will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept this schedule. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

CT DEEP Form 101E, Pier, Float & Lift – A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive

A request for a pier from the 50 foot property frontage, with a float and boat lift, at the above address was presented to the commission. The proposed plan protrudes into the only navigable channel which connects Old Mystic property owners and the hurricane hole in the Old Mystic basin to sea. The proposed structure appears to extend to the midpoint of the channel which is estimated to have a navigable width of 50 feet. The present dock to the south and the Whitehall Homeowners Association boat launching ramp to the north extend to the edge of the channel. The requested permit allows this pier complex to be 35 feet beyond the existing structures into the channel.

Discussion of this request was based on information provided by the applicant and members of the commission and the harbormaster who are familiar with this channel-fairway area. There was no certified water depth data available. The commission and Harbormaster Watts were opposed to the request due to the obstruction to navigation and the impact on the surrounding shore area. It was requested that additional information be obtained and that alternative concepts be investigated.

PZ141ZC, SPA + CAM Mystic Seaport – New Gallery & Quad Site Plan Update 2014

A new Gallery & Quad Site Plan was presented to the Commission. Chairman Carreau had obtained storm water management details from Stadia Engineering Associates for review. Mr. Allyn made a motion that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cooke seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

Brewers Marina

Harbor Master Watts commented that Brewers marina has set a float to mark the end of the proposed dock extension. He recommended that all commission members look at it to get an idea of the spatial relationship.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan

Mr. Allard asked that each commission member come up with a list of items that are out of date and should be addressed in the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. He will coordinate this effort.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau - Chairman