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## **Mystic Harbor Management Commission**

**December 3, 2015 Minutes**

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 3, 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, Peter A. Chappell, Cynthia Wall, Paul Bates, 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 November 5, 2015, meeting were presented. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Dredging of the Auxiliary State Channel: There has been a delay due to another project's environmental constraint. Our project is still planned for this winter season.
- Moorings in the East Fairway: It was emphasized that the two moorings in the fairway as shown on the recent HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY will not be permitted and that the harbormaster will have the moorings removed.
- East Fairway Marker Buoy: Buoy No. 3 has disappeared. A new buoy has been ordered which will be installed on station next spring.
- Mystic Harbor Management Plan review: No report at this time.
- Pier and Float Application for Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive, Application No. 201501172-MG: A hearing has been requested due to the obstruction of the channel caused by the proposed project design. The NOTICE OF STATUS CONFERENCE from the DEEP has scheduled the planning meeting for the hearing on December 10, 2015 in Hartford, CT. This will establish the details of the local public hearing which will be in the Mystic area. The town attorney and two commission members will attend this planning meeting to represent the Town of Stonington and the Mystic Harbor Commission.
- Private Mooring in the Transient Anchorage Area T-3: Permits for the two existing moorings which expire on December 31, 2015 will not be renewed. A new mooring location consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan is being determined.
- Sign for Public Dinghy Dock: The proposed design is complete. Procurement will be in the next calendar year when funding becomes available.

- Dock at Clipper Point: The DEEP is investigating the dock permits in this area. This has not yet been accomplished.
- Unmarked boat anchored in T-3 transient area past the 7-day limit: Harbormaster Procko will place a letter on the boat stating that the vessel is in violation and must leave. Locating the owner has not been possible. The letter will be copied to the Stonington Police, DEEP, USCG and MHMC as documentation for legal action. Winter ice could result in environmental problems.
- Pump out Boat Operation in the Mystic River: Pete Chappell and Cindy Wall of "Pete's Marine Services" [860-848-2627, petesmarineservices.com] provided a report on their pump out services in the Mystic and Thames Rivers and Fisher's Island. They recovered and disposed of 165,000 gallons of waste during the 2015 summer season. Their funding is 75% state reimbursed. They have to come up with the balance, about \$40,000, from towns and donations. It was noted that our harbor commission funding comes solely from permitted mooring holders. A motion was made by Mr. Allyn and seconded by Mr. Allard to approve \$1600 toward their expenses, based on the precedent which our commission had established. It carried unanimously.
- Jail House Point Transient Dock Winterization: Chairman Carreau delivered the hardware used by the commission to winterize the dock and ramp on Holmes Street to Gwenmor Marine Inc. The commission had accepted Gwenmor's proposal of April 22, 2015, for annual winterization after last winter's experience became too much for our volunteerism.

**New Business**

None

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

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David Carreau, Chairman

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