MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of REGULAR Meeting March 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at Stonington Middle School at 204 Mistuxet Avenue. Members present were Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Matt Beaudoin, Fred Allard, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormasters Don Procko and Todd Burgess, and recording secretary Katrina Bercaw.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said. Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 2, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Allyn made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Harbormasters' Reports

a. Harbormasters' Reports: Harbormaster Procko went to the Amtrak Moveable Bridge advisory meeting. This spring he will be attending bridge tenders school.

b. Online Mooring Database update: Harbormaster Burgess said that reminder letters have been sent and mooring fees are coming in.

Unfinished Business

- a. Updated Status of Mystic Harbor Management Plan: Members discussed how to resolve a few minor details.
- b. Dredging plan for Masons Island Outer East Fairway: no news

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c. Proposed Bill 5614 to amend the present Connecticut Harbor Management Act: Mr. Allyn made the following motion: We support the passage of H.B. 5614 which "clarifies the right of municipalities to review and make recommendations concerning uses authorized in areas covered by harbor management commissions." Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor. Mr. Allyn will draft a written statement to the Environment Committee and our local representative.

New Business

a. COP Yerke, 11 Park Place, Mystic. Docko, Inc. - not in our jurisdiction (Groton)

b. Mr. Allyn confirmed that members received his email concerning the NOAA's online Sea Level Rise Viewer. He then distributed copies of an analysis of sea level rise at the Masons Island Causeway and noted that a 2-foot rise in MHHW (mean higher high water) which will come up to the approach roads is projected to occur around 2055; an additional foot of rise is projected for 2070. Mr. Beaudoin commented that he had pushed two electric cars to higher ground after they had stopped running while driving through high river water on Cottrell Street.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Mr. Scott made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Louis Allyn, Vice Chairman