The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 2022, at Stonington Middle School at 204 Mistuxet Avenue. Members present were Dave Carreau, Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook, Matt Beaudoin, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, recording secretary Katrina Bercaw, and guests Timothy DeBartolomeo, Donna DeBartolomeo, and Ben Tamsky.

Call to Order

- Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.
- Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 2, 2021, were reviewed. Mr. Scott made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Allard seconded the motion which was approved with all in favor.

Harbormasters’ Reports

Harbormaster Procko reported that mooring permit renewals went out in January and about half have already been completed and returned. The railroad bridge has been closed longer than expected due to weather delays. A Notice to Mariners has been issued. Mr. Allyn has deposited $4,700 in mooring permit fees. Aga Gonzalez, Senior Accountant for the Town of Stonington, is the contact for the Mystic Harbor Management account.

Unfinished Business

a. PZ2003ZC – Mystic Seaport Rework Plan presented January 28, 2020. Mr. Tamsky came to request the Commission’s attention to maintaining the proposed public access.

b. Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review. Mr. Allard shared a draft copy of the updated plan. He is currently working on the water quality appendix, and noted that some of the referenced organizations are no longer operating. Mr. Allyn noted that Kim Czapla, the coordinator of harbormasters for the state, has offered to review the draft plan.
c. East Fairway – Sign Installation on Additional Piles. Commission members have received appreciative comments on the improvements in guiding boat traffic thanks to the additional piles which clarify the location of the channel.

d. Mystic River Boathouse Park Support - understand that permitting for environmental cleanup in process, no other news.

New Business

a. Electronic Payment of Annual Mooring Fees - Mr. Allyn and Mr. Procko provided information on Online Mooring, a mooring management system. Mooring owners will have more access to information as well as the ability to pay the annual fee with a credit card. Stonington has been using this system and found it very helpful. The processing fee is $6/vessel.

b. LWRD License Application - Dock at 12 Niles Rd, Masons Island - Tim DeBartolomeo, P.E., of Sound Engineering Associates, presented the proposal and responded to questions. It was recommended that the outer stages be lowered to reduce the ramp angle and make the dock's overall visual outline similar to some other docks in the area. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve, as the proposal is not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan, with the recommendations noted. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which was approved with all in favor.

Adjourn

Mr. Scott made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Dave Carreau, Chairman