

## **Mystic Harbor Management Commission**

### **Minutes for Regular Meeting**

**February 6, 2020**

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**-FINAL-**

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on February 6, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall, 10 Broadway Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355. Members present were David Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Ken Scott, Rod Cook, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko and recording secretary Katrina Bercaw. Michael Lague also attended the meeting, having put in paperwork to become an alternate commissioner.

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the December 5, 2019, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Cook made a motion that they be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

#### **Harbormaster(s) Report:**

Derelict Boat on Mystic YMCA Property: Harbormaster Procko secured the boat and has spoken with directors at the Y, (former director-now a regional project director), and the DEEP. He also contacted Jack Morehouse at the Masons Island Marina relative to removal. The vessel has a cloudy registration. Harbormaster Procko traced it back through several owners, but was not able to determine the current legal status or the owner. The hull has been stripped of most of the hardware and will not float on its own. It was determined that it must be processed as an "abandoned boat". This includes being on the DEEP website for 45 days in case someone claims it. When it is legally cleared, the plan is to have the Masons Island Marina place it on a Stonington town truck for removal to the town dump for disposal.

The Harbormaster reported that about 50 percent of permit applications have been received and processed. The situation of a few moorings that were not in desirable locations has been addressed. Harbor Master Procko is working on updating the waiting list.

Mr. Allyn reported that Harbormaster Rufus Allyn's permits are coming in. Two renewals and four new moorings have been applied for.

### **Unfinished Business**

Holmes Street Float Winterization: The float is in winter storage at Gwenmor Marina. It will be inspected for any needed maintenance and repaired before it is returned to its summer location on Holmes Street.

East Fairway Marker extension: The permit for additional piles seaward is in process. Both the Chairman and the Harbormaster have received appreciation regarding the more clearly marked channel on the Stonington side of this entrance to the Mystic River from sea.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Chairman Carreau has reviewed the draft portions presented to him at the last meeting and complimented Mr. Allard on his effort. Mr. Allard has transcribed further sections of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan and his updating progresses.

Marker Piles & "T - 3" Transient Anchorage Area (North of Mystic Seaport): A Dinghy Dock which can be used by transient boaters is shown on the Town of Stonington's boathouse pictorial plan. Transient anchorage areas are a requirement in our Management Plan.

Mystic River Boathouse Park Support: Chairman Carreau reported talking with the new First Selectperson. She appreciated the commissions interested in pursuing the boathouse park.

### **New Business**

Public Access to Mystic River: Mr. Allyn had reported some concerns. Both sides of the river are involved.

PZ2003ZC Mystic Seaport Rework Plan - January 28, 2002: Mr. Allard noted that the Mystic Harbor Management Plan p.14 - par.3 states that "The scale of the proposed facility should be the minimum necessary to secure a legitimate water-related function." Management Plan requirements include reasonable margins for storm and ice conditions. Also, being on a flood plain, this plan may not meet State requirements that stress avoidance of inhabited structures in these areas. The commission reviewed the project but did not act on this plan until the specific aspect of the "Water-Related" issue could be justified.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
David Carreau - Chair