

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
Minutes for Regular Meeting
March 5, 2020
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on March 5, 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, Fred Allard, and Michael Lague. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, recording secretary Katrina Bercaw, and guests George Rodgers, Chase Williams, Alex Mann, Paul Bates, John Casey, Chad Frost, and Keith Neilson.

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 February 6, 2020, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion that they be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster(s) Report:

Derelict Boat beached on Mystic YMCA property: The removal plan previously outlined is being formulated but is dependent on warmer weather. People involved in the plan are standing by.

Moorings at Mystic Seaport: Refusal of permit payment for storm-related moorings has become an issue. Moorings in Mystic Harbor are authorized under Section V. par (b) of the Ordinance that created the Mystic Harbor Management Commission in the Plan dated May 1995. The moorings of concern have permits which have been authorized and the annual fee has been collected in the past. Chairman Carreau made a motion that the harbormaster proceed with the collection of the \$50 per mooring. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mooring Permits: Harbormaster Procko reported that 90% of renewal applications have been received.

Unfinished Business

PZ2003ZC Mystic Seaport Rework Plan - January 28, 2020

This proposal was reviewed at our February meeting. The requirement in our Management plan on page 14 - par.3 requires that the scale of a water proposed facility should be the minimum necessary to secure a legitimate "water-related" function. Questions came up for which we did not have supporting information. No action was taken but that it would remain on the agenda for this March meeting. It is believed that Mr. Casey of Robinson and Cole and Mr. Chad Frost responded to our agenda and attended this meeting to present the proposed plan as they did. Chairman Carreau and Vice Chair Allyn presented definitions by Prof. Austin Becker, PhD, of the University of RI on water related projects. The term water-related now has three categories: i.e. Water-Dependent, Water-Related and Water-Enhanced. Museums are in the Water-Enhanced category, which in this case is already established. Restaurants and hotels are also in this same category. Mr. Allard is concerned about setting a precedent with future developments. Mr. Allyn expressed concern about public access and past restrictions. Considering that the Connecticut DEEP is the final approval authority and they have already approved the project, it appeared that whatever action we took would be irrelevant. In short, the Commission reviewed the project but took no action.

East Fairway - Additional Piles Seaward: Mr. Neilson of Docko, Inc. is preparing the proposal for the required DEEP permit.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard shared the latest update for review.

Marker Piles & "T - 3" Transient Anchorage Area (North of Seaport): on hold.

Mystic River Boathouse Park Support. John Casey and Chad Frost shared a drawing of the proposed layout and its integration with the Mystic Seaport.

New Business

COP - Ramp & Float Relocation - Richard Salmon, 30 Roseleah Drive. Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc., presented the project which is for relocating an existing dock 15 feet south due to the adjacent property line. The proposed dock will have the same length and be similar to the one it is replacing, which was originally approved in 1975. Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve, as it is not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ken Scott made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau - Chair