

## MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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### Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

April 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

FINAL

The meeting was held online via Webex and was recorded.

<https://www.stonington-ct.gov/node/2301/minutes/2021>

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., online via the Town of Stonington Webex. Members present were David Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Matt Beaudoin, Rod Cook, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, recording secretary Katrina Bercaw, and guests Kevin Thomas O'Dell and Paul Naumann.

#### Call to Order

Commission Members introduced themselves.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 4, 2021, were reviewed. Harbormaster Procko suggested a correction: i.e. arranging the removal of the derelict boat was done under the harbormaster's direction for which he was responsible and not the YMCA. Mr. Allard made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which was approved with all in favor.

#### Harbor Master(s) Report:

- Derelict Boat Removal from the YMCA has been completed with the demolition by the town facility.
- Thanked Rod Cook and Lou Allyn for procuring signs for the pilings from "Critical Signs" of Waterford.
- Deposited \$1350 in mooring fees since the last meeting. That is all that is anticipated from renewals. The "Mooring Waiting List" is being updated, and will be posted on the Town of Stonington website when complete.
- Mr. Allard noted a discrepancy in the piling numbers on the NOAA chart. The Harbormaster will make the correction in the PATN program.

#### Unfinished Business:

- a. PZ2003ZC – Mystic Seaport Rework Plan presented January 28, 2020 - no news
- b. Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review - in process

- c. East Fairway – Additional Pile Installation - Mr. Cook confirmed that the additional signs needed to update the numbering system are nearing completion by the vendor and will be ready for installation when the piles are driven. Mr. Allard will work with the barge crew to assist in pile location and installation.
- d. Mystic River Boathouse Park Support - Mr. Carreau noted that there was an article in the April 1, 2021 edition of The New London Day - Section C which provided an update on the park effort and the challenges involved in securing the needed funds.

#### New Business

Court Decision to Eliminate Dock Review Authority by all state of CT Harbor Management Commissions -- Chairman Carreau received notice that a Superior Court decision eliminated the authority of all CT Harbor Commissions to have the responsibility to review and comment on new dock applications in their area. This was (via e-mail on March 23, 2021 6:29:59 PM EDT) from John Pinto, President <[pinto@optionline.net](mailto:pinto@optionline.net)> Connecticut Harbor Management Commission Association (CHMA). This was the result of Superior Court Decision C1-27-21 made on January 27, 2021 (see Court Decision pgs 4 to 6 highlighted in yellow).

Mr. Carreau made contact with Mike Cronin (the attorney who was part of the formulation of our Management Plan initially in the 1990's) to obtain more information. It is believed that we will need support from our town's legal team to confront this issue. In summary, our commission would be losing a major responsibility of its charter.

#### Adjourn:

Mr. Allyn made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau - Chair