

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
Minutes for Regular Meeting
June 6, 2019
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on June 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were David Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Fred Allard, and Ken Scott. Also present were Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Keith Nielson, Paul Bates, and Andrew Stackpole.

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 May 2, 2019, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Allard made a motion that they be accepted after minor revision. This was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster(s) Report: (in absentia)

Railroad Train Schedule: Harbormaster Procko has the bridge opening times on his 5/14/19 e-mail.

Unfinished Business

a. COP Upweller Float in Existing Boatwell: K.Simonds, 37 Roseleah Dr. The DEEP has signed off on changes made to the initial proposal. Andrew Stackpole sent the revised proposal electronically to Commission members for review which he presented at the meeting. There is now only one upweller located at least 18 inches above the sediment so as not to disturb the bottom habitat. It will be secured with spring lines. Estimated use is from May to September. The Mystic Harbor Management Plan recognizes aquaculture activities within our jurisdiction. Mr. Scott made a motion to approve, as the project is not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b. COP Pier & Float, Morning Glory Manor: Carmen Martocchio, Masons Island: The latest revision was received on Monday, June 3rd, and forwarded to commission members and neighbors. There were no public objections. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve, as the project is not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

c. Speed Zone Signs for East Fairway: no new information

d. Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: in progress

e. Pier & Float Application - A. Maurice – Installation has now occurred.

f. Marker Piles & "T - 3" Transient Anchorage Area (North of Mystic Seaport) – no new information

g. **Mystic River Boathouse Park Support:** It is understood that additional site plans are being formulated.

New Business

"Long Island Sound - Blue Plan Sustainable Ecosystems – Compatible Uses"

Mr. Keith Nielson provided information on this 400-page document. The *purpose* of this Plan is to “protect traditional uses, minimize conflicts, and maximize compatibility, now and in the future for off-shore waters. This includes preserving Long Island Sound's ecosystems and resources, and facilitating a transparent, science-based decision-making process.” The Blue Plan started in 2015 as Legislative Agenda Bill 6839. It is believed to be in response to concerns over the proposed Broadwater Oil Terminal off New Haven.

The “Offshore” boundary was initially defined as 8 feet at MLW but has been modified to 10 feet. However, this offshore boundary would still be extremely close to shore for the defining line of “offshore waters”. It would include Noank Point to the southern tip of Ram Island; Enders Island and part of Masons Island as “Offshore”.

This new plan could change the management of the Mystic River as defined by the Mystic Harbor Management Plan, authorized by the Connecticut DEEP in May 1995. It is hoped that our management plan will not be jeopardized by this document. Our plan was formulated, starting in 1989, by Town of Stonington volunteers who became the first commission members. Guidance was obtained from the late Senator George “Doc” Gunther (1919 - 2012). He was known as, “The Father of Harbor Management for Connecticut.”

More information on this new Blue Plan is available on the following website.

https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2705&q=574290&deepNav_GID=1635

The public has until June 21 to comment.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau - Chair