

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for January 5, 2017

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on January 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Keith Neilson and Paul Bates.

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 1, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Cook made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that Robert Roche of Pawcatuck (East Coast Construction) had made contact regarding the possibility of establishing a rental boat venture in the Mystic River. The vessels would be eleven-foot pontoon boats with 30 hp outboard motors. They would follow a lead boat for sightseeing tours. Mr. Roche has previously contacted the Town and DEEP. Harbormaster Procko suggested it would be prudent to present the idea to the Harbor Commission for any potential concerns. Concerns mentioned were; where the boats would be kept, liability exposure and boat operator licensing requirements.

The Harbormasters are preparing mooring permit applications for 2017 which will be mailed out later this month.

Unfinished Business

Secondary Auxiliary State Channel - Marker Replacement: Chairman Carreau noted that installation of the four pilings to mark the newly dredged channel was delayed due to equipment issues. They are scheduled to be installed by Masons Island Marina shortly.

Commercial Moorings: The Harbormaster will include an insert with commercial mooring application forms for which he doesn't yet have lat./long. coordinates and/or buoy marking information.

East Fairway - Proposals for Dredging Permit: Mr. Allyn will meet with Mr. Micheal Grzywinski, Senior Environmental Analyst at CT DEEP, who has informed him that the dredging permit for this first-time dredging area will require three things:

Benthic assessment of the substrate
Submerged aquatic vegetation survey during the growing season (May – October)
Alternatives analysis.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: In progress.

Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: The project is under review.

Private Moorings in Anchorage Area T-3: Mr. Neilson of Docko, Inc., presented the newly-completed Hydrographic Survey for the area from Mystic Seaport's north boundary to the cemetery and out to the Groton town line. Accurate contours lines delineate the channel and water depths. It is necessary that the two private moorings and the boundaries for the T-3 Transient Anchorage Areas be redefined in the Mystic Harbor Management Plan in recognition of the newly-designated Mystic River Boathouse Park. Chairman Carreau will contact Town Planner Jason Vincent to provide coordination.

New Marker Buoy Purchase: Chairman Carreau has placed an order for a new red buoy for the East Fairway.

Dock at Clipper Point - Documentation update: DEEP and Docko, Inc., are working on the documentation which should be finished by summer.

New Business

COP Request for a new Pier & Float by Mr. John Couto of 34 Riverbend Drive: Mr. Neilson explained that this is a proposal to renew the previous owner's permit, which had expired before construction. The commission requested that the three outer pilings of this plan be brought closer to shore to the 3 foot contour line to maintain a channel width of 50 feet with a minimum low water depth of 3 feet. It was also mentioned that the commission, in the past, had received a complaint when an anchor line had been set in this area out into the channel. It was requested that this permit restrict the protrusion of any lines or part of a vessel from extending beyond these outer pilings into the channel.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Allyn seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau, Chairman