

**Mystic Harbor Management Commission**  
**Minutes for Regular Meeting**  
**April 4, 2019**  
**FINAL**

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on April 4, 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 Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Paul Bates, Keith Nielson, Tory Christian, Patty Copp, Betsy Copp Lebel, Renate Gleysteen, Amy Hallberg, Sarah Hallberg, Kit Hartford, Peter Kepple, Hugh and Pam McGee, Carmen Martocchio, Todd and Eileen Mannarino, Tom Flaherty, Kit Hanford, Kay Tower, Waller Walker, Jeff Walker, and Danielle Chesebrough.

**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 March 7, 2019, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Cook made a motion that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

**Harbormaster Report:**

Harbormaster Procko is monitoring the Amtrak schedule regarding the RR bridge closings. He will attend bridge related meetings in Old Lyme. Some Bay St. area moorings have been surrendered due to loss of the public ramp. They are being reassigned to deeded residents.

He shared an application by Steve Plant to install 3 upwellers at 37 Roseleah Drive (owner Chris Simmons). He does not see a problem but suggested that the DEEP solicit neighbors for input.

**Pier & Float, Morning Glory Manor - Masons Island:** Approximately three dozen letters of protest have been received to date. Additional letters received since the March 7, 2019 meeting were from: Patricia Copp, Betsy Copp Lebel, Peter Gleysteen, Renate Gleysteen, Frances Hoffman, Craig and Lisa MacDonnell, Debbie Pryor, Kay Tower, Jeff Walker, and Tom and Linda Watkins.

Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc., presented the design modified since the March meeting. The boat lift has been removed and pile height has been reduced. The new configuration is within the footprint defined by existing pile locations required for DEEP - COP eligibility. The safety rails have been lowered and will be wire rather than wood. In order to have a larger boat at the dock through a tide cycle, rock removal permits have been requested.

Chairman Carreau provided the following analysis: Mr. Neilson has developed this design to DEEP - COP criteria. However, the criteria on page 13 in the Mystic Harbor Management Plan dated May 1995 under Section C. Structures: Par. 2. Aesthetic Impact: states, "limit or avoid negative visual and aesthetic impacts". Also, on page 14 under Par. 3. Suitability of Engineering Design: "The scale of the proposed facility should be the minimum necessary to secure a legitimate water-related function". Based on the Commission's management plan, Chairman Carreau made a motion NOT to approve the application. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. Four of the five Commission members approved the motion. Vice Chair Allyn opposed.

**Pumpout Boat Funding:** Danielle Chesebrough of the Town of Stonington Board of Finance requested information on the proposed \$5,000 line item for the Pumpout Boat contractor. *Working Paper: Pumpout Boat Funding Equities* prepared by Mr. Allard, of the commission, answered most of the questions. (Chairman Carreau delivered multiple copies to Mr. James Sullivan at the Town Hall but they may not have been distributed initially.) Ms. Chesebrough plans to bring this information to the Finance Board at Sunday's meeting. The Town of Stonington budget meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9, at Stonington High School at 7:00 p.m.

General discussion centered on how the federal grant system gets the funding down through the state to a contractor and the fact that the funding has to be matched by 25%. The grant does not allow the pumpout boat service to be charged to the boat owner. Mr. Allard's analysis verified that Groton has been funding the pumpout boat contractor \$19,000 per year. This includes their half of the river. Stonington has not been contributing for our side of the river.

Reasons why the Mystic River must be kept clean were mentioned, i.e. the YMCA Bathing Beach, the Oyster Farms, the Shark Swim between the bridges, the Transient Anchorage areas, the Boathouse Park student rowing program and the Aesthetics of the Mystic river.

**Speed Zone Signs for the East Fairway:** Masons Island Marine will install them shortly.

**Management Plan Review:** Request by the public during the meeting not to allow boat lifts.

**Pier & Float Application - A. Maurice:** No new information.

**Marker Piles & "T - 3" Anchorage (North of Mystic Seaport):** No new information.

**Mystic River Boathouse Park Support:** No new information.

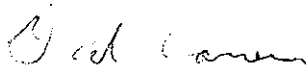
**New Business:**

**PZ1908ZC Noank Shipyard - Rezoning Seaport Marine, MC- 80 to NDD:** Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve, as the project contains storm water catch basins to meet runoff retention requirements and thus it is not inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Reminder:** Please submit **electronic copies of all applications** to [MysticHMC@gmail.com](mailto:MysticHMC@gmail.com) ten days prior to meetings so that they may be pre-reviewed by Commission members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
David Carreau - Chair