

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting

May 3, 2018

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on May 3, 2018, 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, guests Paul Bates, Keith Neilson and Mike Payton, and Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary).

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 April 5, 2018, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Allard made a motion that the minutes be accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster: An additional \$1300 in Mooring permit fees was deposited. Harbormaster Procko is updating the Commission's page on the town website with input from Chairman Carreau. He thanked Mr. Allard for documenting the channel near the T-3 anchorage. It has remained the same since first observed by members since approximately 1960.

Unfinished Business

East Fairway Markers: CT-DEEP has processed the application but has not yet approved the General Permit prepared by Docko, Inc., for new navigation markers.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard is updating the management plan as new information becomes available.

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

Anchorage Area T-3: The Commission received approval from the CT DEEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for marking the historic channel north of the Mystic Seaport Museum to the Mystic Cemetery with pilings. Mike Payton, Supervisor of the DEEP's Navigation & Boating Infrastructure Unit, attended this meeting. He had previously discussed his objection to Harbormaster Don Procko over the use of pilings because of safety issues. Chairman Carreau stated that since this issue is on the agenda of the Boathouse Park Commission meeting on May 7, 2018 we would only discuss the issues at this meeting.

In summary there are no speed restriction north of the Mystic Seaport. Mr. Payton is concerned that a speeding boat could hit a piling causing serious injury. His preference is the use of buoy markers with helical anchors. Chairman Carreau stated that the commission had learned from experience that marker floats in narrow channels are not practical due to the scope of the chain on the sloping sides. Also, they require more bottom real estate, their survival life is shorter and their total life cost is greater. All Harbor Commission members are in full agreement that mooring floats are not the proper method of marking this channel and that the use of piling is the preferred method. Mr. Payton stated that he would not be against the installation of pilings if speed enforcement regulations were in place.

Chairman Carreau provided Mr. Payton with a copy of his e-mail dated May 2, 2018 12.01 pm (along with attachments) to First Selection Rob Simmons explaining the commissions preference of pilings over buoys.

Mystic River Boathouse Park: Chairman Carreau, Mr. Cook, Harbormaster Procko and Mr. Neilson will attend the Boathouse Park meeting at the Stonington Police Station on Monday May 7 2018. The channel marker problem is on the agenda.

New Business

DEEP Application for New Pier and Float Modification - R.W. Bradley, 36 Roseleah Drive. The application is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn moved that the application be approved. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Army Corps Authorization for Dinghy Dock - Brewer's Yacht Yard, 56 Roseleah Drive. The dock is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard moved that the application be approved. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

DEEP Application Questionnaire for Pier and Boat Lift - David Coletti, 58 Old North Road. The application is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott moved that the application be approved. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

CUSH: Harbormaster Procko shared information on "Clean Up Sound and Harbors" (CUSH). They need volunteers for sampling. Those interested should call 860-912-3121.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Allard seconded a motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau - Chairman