

## **Mystic Harbor Management Commission**

### **Minutes for May 4, 2017**

#### **FINAL**

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on May 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Rob Roche, Jayne Scott, 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 April 6, 2017, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

#### **Harbormaster**

Harbormaster Procko wishes to extend a special thank you to Mystic Seaport and Quentin Snediker for providing a workboat and two men to assist in the removal and disposal of a large section of float tied off by a Groton resident.

Harbormaster Procko and Mr. Cook attended the FOI workshop at the LaGrua Center in Stonington on April 17.

Connecticut harbormasters now work under the Connecticut DEEP. Harbormaster Procko understands his contact is Brian Golembiewski.

No additional mooring fees have been collected. Several registrations, both private and commercial, are outstanding. The Harbormasters will resend mooring registration forms with a note warning recipients that the grace period referenced on p. 28 in the Mystic Harbor Management Plan has expired. Harbormaster Procko provided the Stonington Town Hall with a revised waiting list.

Harbormaster Procko met with Dave Marriott of the USCGA regarding Private Aids To Navigation applications. He was notified by Steve Pothier of approvals.

Harbormaster Allyn reported that Masons Island Company has contributed \$250 toward the new pilings in the Auxiliary Channel.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Auxiliary Channel:** Red and Green placards have been placed on the channel marker pilings in preparation for the sequential numbers which have yet to be installed. Jeff Marshall will install the numbers shortly.

**Commercial Moorings:** nothing to report.

**East Fairway Dredging:** No action due to other pending projects.

**Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review, Mystic River Boathouse Park, and T-3 Anchorage Area:** Mr. Allard will provide the position of four new pilings to be installed to mark the Old Mystic Channel in the

vicinity of the new Boathouse Park. The object is to make sure that rowing activities of the Boathouse Park have ample room to maneuver, yet allow the navigation of vessels via the natural channel to the village of Old Mystic. Also, the parameters of the T-3 transient anchorage area designated in the Mystic Harbor Management Plan are being redefined.

Mr. Bates provided information on the area northwest of Federal Green Can #41 (aka Anderson Island). The water is very shallow with a hard bottom.

Mr. Cook was informed by local personnel of the possibility of two cement blocks, i.e. storm moorings that may exist between Latitude 41 Restaurant at the Seaport and the new Boathouse Park. More information will be obtained from the Seaport.

**Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive:** There is no update at this time.

**Dock at Clipper Point:** No new information.

#### New Business


Rob Roche of *Mystic Boat Adventures* presented information on his proposed operation of his new business out of Noank Shipyard. This is a tour operation of separate two person outboard catamaran boats guided by a lead boat. Chairman Carreau noted that the Commission is not in a position of endorsing or denying who uses the river, but has an obligation to insure that everyone conforms to applicable regulations. Mr. Roche said the proposed boats comply to USCG requirements and other regulations. His company is licensed in CT and NY. Guided tours will go upriver and possibly to Stonington harbor. They are scheduled to begin operations May 19, 2017. Chairman stated that he has received a complaint from a Mystic River resident. He provided a copy to Mr. Roche.

Chairman Carreau provided information on an upcoming meeting at UConn Avery Point regarding Connecticut's effort to participate in the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) effort. A meeting will be held on May 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Academic Building. A multi-disciplinary team will present their preliminary recommendations and an overview of the next stage. Webinar access can be arranged by emailing [kevin.obrien@ct.gov](mailto:kevin.obrien@ct.gov).

Mr. Bates offered information on two application permits for Seaweed Farms offshore in the Town of Groton. Both locations are off of Bluff Point in Connecticut state waters.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Allyn seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
David Carreau, Chairman