

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

June 2, 2016 Minutes

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on June 2, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission Members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Jack Lee, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Attorney Brian Estep, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Jayne Scott, Julia Scott, and Paul Bates.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the May 5, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved. Minutes of the May 12, 2016, special meeting were presented. Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept which was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that thank yous were provided to Bruce Avery at Noank Marine for retrieving the #3 buoy, and to Quentin Snedeker at Mystic Seaport for boat transport assistance to nearby moorings to procure information.

Unfinished Business

Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: In consideration of guests present, Mr. Scott moved that agenda item 4e be moved forward. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved. Atty. Estep provided an update on the hearings. Due to a mechanical failure of the recording system, the testimony at the June 6 hearing at DEEP in Hartford was not recorded. Therefore, the testimony given must be provided again at the next meeting, as, according to statute, there must be a transcript or recording. The next DEEP hearing is scheduled for June 29. The following meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 7. The group of Riverbend neighbors that had requested intervenor status has been denied. The Scotts were given limited intervenor status in regard to access to their dock.

Secondary Auxiliary State Channel: The two green buoys that marked the channel before dredging have been put back to temporarily mark the recently dredged channel for the summer. The plan is to mark this channel with pilings. In the long run this will be cost effective and will decrease the possibility of confusion with buoys that mark the federal channel. Gwenmor Marine has placed PVC markers to temporarily provide more channel identification. Mr. Bates requested that they be marked red or green to add clarity. Harbormaster Procko will contact Gwenmor.

Mooring Permit Lat/Long Location and Proof of Vessel Ownership: Latitude and Longitude location information will be requested this summer from mooring permit holders when they have the convenience of having their boat on their mooring. Next season mooring permits will not be renewed

without this position information.

East Fairway: Marker Buoy # 3 has been put back on station. Analysis of the Hydrographic Survey information for dredging is in process.

Input for the Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review is being accumulated.

Private Moorings in Anchorage Area T-3 - Hydrographic Survey: Mr. Allard provided a sketch indicating the area to be surveyed. Chairman Carreau suggested that data be collection on a larger area to identify the areas with over 3 feet at MLW which is of major interest. Mr. Scott will talk with Keith Neilson at Docko, Inc., regarding a contract for this effort.

Sign for Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street: This effort is in process.

Dock at Clipper Point: Documentation update by the DEEP is in process.

New Business

DEEP COP New Bulkhead - Brewers Yacht Yard, Mystic: Chairman Carreau presented the proposed project from Docko Inc. Details show the bulkhead on the same footprint as the present bulkhead position. Steel sheet interlocking pilings are utilized. The proposal is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook made a motion to accept the proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

DEEP Application by Thimble Island Oyster Company regarding Kelp Production: The Commission reviewed the pre-application screening form and noted that it is out of the Commission's jurisdiction. Mr. Allyn has spoken with both the DEEP and Brendan Smith of Thimble Island Oyster Company regarding potential hazards relative to navigation.

Masons Island Septic System Investigation: Mr. Allyn investigated the situation of the Violettes' septic system, and reported that it is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan.

Enders Island Seawall: Mr. Allyn has seen the proposal for the seawall repair. It includes the placing of boulders to assist in wave energy absorption to limit future failure of the seawall. The proposed project has not yet secured funding.

Mr. Allard moved and Mr. Cook seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau, Chairman