

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting

July 5, 2018

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on July 5, 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 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 June 7, 2018, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Cook made a motion that the minutes be accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster: Harbormaster Procko reported that he has been on the river 2 hours/day, 5 days/week, as well as all day when pilings were being driven. He has resolved two sets of mooring conflicts. He will contact Jackson Vibber to arrange removal of an obstruction in Area J that is a hazard.

Harbormaster Procko shared information he just received about a Mystic Sharkfest Swim that was approved by the USCG. It will limit use of the channel this Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:30. Mr. Allard made a motion relative to when the USCG considers restrictions to waterways within our jurisdiction that we be invited to engage in discussion about the equities involved prior to approval when it is not an emergent issue. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business

Depth Gauges and Additional Signs for East Fairway: Discussion related to how to word signage to most clearly advise boaters of the controlling depth of the channel. Members will provide an example for the final determination.

Town of Stonington Website update: The Mystic Harbor Commission's home page on the town website has been updated. <http://www.stonington-ct.gov/mystic-harbor-management-commission>. It is based on the final installation of the six pilings.

East Fairway Marker Installation: Installation is underway with the first two pilings (to the north) in place. The remaining four will be driven next week. First Selection Rob Simmons has provided fill support of our efforts.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard continues updating drafts for the plan.

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

Anchorage Area T-3: Chairman Carreau reported that Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc., is reviewing the best way to proceed to authorize a speed limit north of the Mystic Seaport in the area of the proposed pilings that will mark the channel.

Mystic River Boathouse Park: Commission members attended the recent Boathouse Park planning meeting to assure coordination regarding the proposed pilings (see above). Also, it is desired that their plan allow a dinghy dock for our T-3 transient anchorage area.

New Business

DEEP PERMIT - Wilcox Cove Oyster Farm. Mr. Allyn explained that this is an existing operation by Steve Malinowski. The site is outside of the commission's jurisdiction, but as in the past Chairman Carreau stated that it would be reviewed to aid the applicant. It was determined that the proposal is not a hazard to navigation or present other problems. Mr. Allard moved that the application be approved for it would not be inconsistent with the policies of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.


CT DEEP COP Morning Glory Manor, LLC, Small Craft lift relocation, Chipachaug Trail, Masons Island, Ms. Wendy Siracusa. Mr. Carreau moved that the proposal be approved for it would not be inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

What appears to be new dock construction north of the I-95 bridge was noted.
Harbormaster Procko will investigate.

August Regular Meeting: Mr. Cook moved that the Commission's August Regular Meeting be cancelled. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Allyn seconded a motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.\

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau - Chairman