

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting

July 6, 2017

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on July 6, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were David Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Fred Allard and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, and guests Keith Neilson of Docko, Jayne Scott, and Andrew Stackpole, PE.

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 1, 2017, Special Meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion that they be accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 1, 2017 (executive session) were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion that they be accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved..

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that \$1050 from additional mooring fees have been collected.

He also reported that he had sent an e-mail to Jaxon Vibber - Mooring Contractor, stressing the urgency of the replacement of the channel markers in the East Fairway as authorized by the commission.

Unfinished Business

Auxiliary Channel: All identification numbers have been installed on the reinstalled pilings of the newly dredged Auxiliary Channel in Mystic Harbor.

Stand-Up Paddleboard Safety Requirements: Paddleboard and Kayak users continue to be a concern for navigation on the Mystic River. Although they are classified as vessels relative to the navigational rules, it is desired that they operate outside of designated channels and fairways due to the necessity for larger vessels to remain under control. Also, it has been requested that they do not transit through open bridges.

East Fairway Markers: A purchase request was issued to Mooring Contractor Jaxon Vibber to replace Buoy #2 and #5. The commission has the hardware assembled ready for placement. It was also requested that Buoys #1, #3 and #6, which survived the winter, be checked and repositioned if necessary. At present Buoy # 4 is not available.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Effort continues

Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice 36 Riverbend Drive: No new information

Anchorage Area T-3 - Channel Marking: Mr. Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc., is contributing his effort to obtain the permit from the DEEP for marking the channel from north of Mystic Seaport to the Riverview Cemetery. The permit will be for the pilings necessary to delineate all the kinks in the channel. The plan is to initially install the six most prominent piles and the remainder at a later date. The DEEP is not expected to approve this permit in time for the first pilings to be installed for this 2017 boating season.

Mystic River Boathouse Park - Seaport Storm Moorings: Mystic Seaport is updating their mooring list. Two additional 3000 lb. granite blocks at the northern offshore area of the Seaport will be included. This completed mooring list will be part of the harbor master's permitting database.

Dock at Clipper Point: The cleanup requested by the DEEP has been accomplished. A COP is in preparation for the dock as it presently exists.

New Business

DEEP Permit Application - William Botchis for a New Fixed Pier, Ramp and Float at 135 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT. Mr. Neilson of Docko clarified that this dock is based on the property owner's right to "wharf - out". It is not a commercial dock to be rented out. The project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

DEEP COP Application - Whitehall Homeowners Association, Inc., for the Wharf Rehabilitation at Riverbend Drive, Mystic, CT. This property is an existing part of the community. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved, except for Mr. Scott who recused himself because he is a member of the Whitehall Homeowners Association.

DEEP Permit Application - Ms. Jane Couto for a New Fixed Dock and Float at 145 Whitehall Avenue, Mystic, CT. Mr. Neilson pointed out that this configuration takes into consideration the plan for future docks in Admiral Cove. Also, the new Maurice dock will block access of large construction equipment to up-river. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Allard and was unanimously approved.

DEEP Permit Application - Murphy Point Realty LLC for a 4/40 Dock at 36 Roseleah Drive, Mystic, CT. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Allyn and was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Allard to cancel the August Regular Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Allyn seconded a motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau, Chairman