

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
November 6, 2014 Minutes
Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Don Procko, Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Fred Allard, Jack Lee, Harbor Master Paul Watts and recording secretary Jeff Anderson.

Also, William Ferguson, William Craig, Peter Ramey, Patricia Small, Joanne Ramey, Steven Small, Carol Barnes Craig, Benjamin Vincent, Erin Vincent, Ellen Clark, Paul Clark, Bill Brissete, Hamilton Salsich, William Abt, Dorothy Abt, Jayne Scott, Ken Scott, Garry Higgins, Jodi Higgins, Jason Farrington, Chrys Farrington, Patricia Farrell, Joseph Farrell, Diane Chamberland, Frank Chamberland, Mary Julian, Gary Julian, Ned Ahlborn, Robert Conigliaro, Don Gerwick, Hamilton Moore, Molly Mckay, Nachiketa Tiwari were present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Procko made a motion to accept the October 2, 2014 minutes. Mr. Cook seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved it.

**Harbor Master Report -
Murphy Boat-Surveyor's Report**

Surveyor Peter Fenn, AMS determined that the Murphy boat's value is its scrap material. The boat has been towed to a salvage yard. Another Murphy boat is being investigated.

Unregistered Boat Illegally Anchored in Transient Area

Mr. Anthony Moracini has received a certified letter to remove this boat. The next step is police action. Another boat that is also anchored in this area is being investigated.

Replacement Mooring Permit Assignment Criteria in the Turning Basin

Types of anchors, boat spacing and draft and other characteristics plus owner verification are being discussed in preparation for the granting of permits for deeper draft boats.

2014 Harbor Master Expenses.

Harbormaster Watts submitted \$416.21 in expenses for the 2014 calendar year.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of the Federal Channel & the Mystic Auxiliary Fairway

The project has started. There is an issue regarding pilings inside the 25-foot setback area from the channel. There may be different guidelines from the Army Corp and the DEEP.

No. 6 East Fairway Marker

Arrangements will be made to have this marker pulled for repair during the winter.

East Fairway Bottom Inspection for Obstructions

Diver inspection found that the anchor of a yet to be removed mooring had boat bottom paint on it from transiting boats. This identified hazard must be removed immediately.

CT DEEP Form 101E, Pier, Float & Lift - A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive

Mr. Don Gerwick and Bob Conigliaro presented a plan ten feet shorter than the original proposal. This still results in an obstruction of the only navigable channel to Old Mystic. It is in violation of Section 8 of Article II of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan, which is based on CT DEEP regulations, and the CT General Statutes. Harbormaster Watts, who has the responsibility of maintaining an open passage for emergency access and the removal of derelict boats and debris, plus providing assistance, strongly objected to this obstruction.

Chairman Carreau received letters of opposition from Riverbend property owners: Small, Julian, Heinold, Moore, and Higgins. Also, approximately 30 residents of the Riverbend community who were present, spoke out against the request. One issue is based on a disputed property line between their homeowners association access land to the shore, which abuts the Maurice property. This is presently being surveyed. A second issue is the restriction and reduction of the public trust shore access area.

Mr. Allard made a motion that the commission **does object** to the request and there **are** inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook seconded the motion. The commission approved the motion.

New Business

DEEP COP Boat Elevator-Peter Gleysteen, Masons Is.

Mr. Keith Neilson presented this plan to the Commission. Mr. Allard made a motion that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Procko seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

DEEP, 101E Brewers Yacht Yard Dock Modification

Mr. Keith Neilson presented this plan to the Commission. Mr. Allyn made a motion that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

DEEP, 101E Mystic Seaport Storm Drain Discharge.

Chairman Carreau presented the letter to the Commission. Mr. Lee made a motion that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

Transient Dock at Jail House Point - Lift ramp for winter

The ramp will be raised for winter protection after the Thanksgiving weekend.

Harbor Management Plan Review

Mr. Allard has begun to identify issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:
David Carreau - Chairman

