

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for December 1, 2016

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on December 1, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were Dave Carreau (Chair), Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Ken Scott, and Fred Allard. Also present were Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Geoffrey Jones, Paul Bates, Adam Gibbs, James Costa, Emma Diamanti, Alexis Scott, and Hannah Dunmire.

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 October 6, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Cook made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved. Minutes of the November 3, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko was unable to attend due to the concurrent CUSH meeting. Mr. Geoffrey Jones provided detailed information on a mooring application that he had made to Harbormaster Procko for his 60-foot work barge "Can Do". The location for a single point moor with the necessary scope was in the Bay Street mooring field which took considerable public trust area. Considering that Mr. Jones is the owner of the Schooner Wharf commercial property, it appeared that a two point moor in his riparian area is practical. After discussion, Mr. Jones marked up this location on a detail sketch provided by Mr. Allard. Chairman Carreau will present this recommendation to Harbormaster Procko for his consideration for the mooring permit.

Unfinished Business

Secondary Auxiliary State Channel - Marker Replacement: Chairman Carreau stated that the four pilings to mark the newly dredged channel are scheduled to be installed by the Masons Island Marina within a few weeks.

Commercial Moorings: The information requested by the harbormaster on their boat moorings continues coming in from the boatyards.

East Fairway: Proposals for the Dredging Permit effort are being evaluated by the selection committee of Mr. Allyn and Mr. Scott. Discussion followed on the necessity to make clear the benefits of this dredging to the DEEP since it is the first time that this area will be dredged.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: In progress.

Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: The project is under review by the DEEP.

Private Moorings in Anchorage Area T-3: The detailed Hydrographic Survey from Mystic Seaport north boundary to the cemetery and out to the Groton town line has been completed. It will be requested that Docko provide an electronic copy to Mr. Allard for his use in the update of the management plan.

Sign for Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street: The signs have been completed and will be installed when the float is put back in the spring.

Dock at Clipper Point: DEEP and Docko, Inc., are working on the documentation which should be finished by summer.

Kelp Production (Gates Island area): Mr. Allyn has received word from Thimble Island Oyster Co. that this proposed project is no longer being actively pursued.

New Business

Jail House Point Transient Dock Winterization: The float has been hauled for the winter and will be put back in the spring by Gwenmor Marina.

New Marker Buoy Purchase: Chairman Carreau will order a new red buoy for the East Fairway. He noted that there will be a cost savings as shipping costs can be waived in the winter.

DEEP Dock Reconstruction General Permit proposed by Mr. Rob Christian of 34 Nauyaug Point Road on Masons Island is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard moved that the application be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

COP Request for a New Boat Lift by Ms. Penelope Townsend of 27 Chippechaug Trail on Masons Island, is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard moved that the application be approved. Mr. Scott seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allyn reported that there was a major home heating oil spill on West Main Street on the Groton side of Mystic. The DEEP Emergency Response Team is overseeing cleanup and mitigation.

NOTE:

Commission's Regular Meeting Schedule: The meeting time will move from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. effective with the Commission's January 2017 meeting. The Commission will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month at the Fourth District Voting Hall.

Mr. Allard moved and Mr. Allyn seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau, Chairman