

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting

December 6, 2018

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on December 6, 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, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Keith Neilson, Paul Bates, Finnian DeVeau and Tabitha DeVeau.

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 November 1, 2018, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion that the minutes be accepted with modification. This was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

Harbormasters:

Harbormaster Procko is updating the database for mooring permits. Mr. Corrija received the title from the DEEP to the abandoned boat previously reported.

Unfinished Business

DEEP Notice of Violation "No. LIS-2018-3999-V" (Dock) Harrison Ass. LLC. The illegal dock being constructed in the upper Mystic River has been removed. No future activity is planned.

Holmes Street Dock Winterization by "Gwenmor" (Jail House Point): The dock will be hauled for the winter, inspected and repaired if necessary. Mr. Neilson will follow through.

"Slow No Wake Zone" Signs for the East Fairway: Harbormaster Procko shared the state-approved wording from the DEEP, "YOU ARE IN A SLOW NO WAKE ZONE." Mr. Allard moved and Mr. Scott seconded that two signs be procured. It was unanimously approved.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard presented his latest effort on the plan for comment. Requests were made to remove the north line of Anchorage A on Figure 7a (of the May 1995 plan) on the East side of Masons Island and extend the anchorage north. Also, it was agreed that the boundary of mooring fields F and D be moved south and indicate the recently marked channel entrance with more pilings from sea. Mr. Allyn moved and Mr. Allard seconded a motion to proceed with these changes. It was unanimously approved.

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

Marker Piles & "T - 3" Anchorage Buoys (North of Mystic Seaport): The speed limit regulation change for this area, extending to the northern extremity of the I-95 bridge, will be pursued.

Mystic River Park Presentation at Stonington High School: Chairman Carreau, Harbormaster Procko, and Mr. Cook attended the public meeting on December 1, 2018. Harbor Commission members reviewed the current sketch of the park layout provided by Mr. Neilson. The Harbor Commission agreed to revisit the matter after the Boat House plans develop further. Documentation is in place by the Harbor Commission and requests have been made at Park meetings for dinghy dockage to support the Transient Anchorage "T-3" area required in our Harbor Management Plan authorized in May 1995.

New Business

COP Application - Reconstruct Dock - McCormak Property, Casino Road: This property is not in the Commission's jurisdiction and was withdrawn by the sponsor.

Pump-out Boat Donation: A request for \$19,980 has been requested by the pump-out boat operator to match the Town of Groton donation in support of the \$199,746 annual cost of the federally funded program under the "Clean Vessel Act." This is because the operator must raise 25% to obtain the federal funding. Prior to the implementation and magnitude of this program, the Mystic Harbor Commission had been donating \$1000 per year. Our donations were on hold as this present program was being put in place. This present requested amount is greater than our total annual commission funding obtained from the \$50 mooring fee collections. This was understood by the operator (Mr. Peter Chappell) so he addressed his request for funding directly to the Town of Stonington (Letter dated October 12, 2018) as this program is greater than just the Mystic River. Mr. Cook made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Allyn that this request be referred back to the Town of Stonington. It was unanimously approved.

DEEP Application 4/40 Dock/Float - Luis Viegas, 4 Jerome Ave, Mystic: It appears that this dock has already been built. More information is required. No action was taken.

Electronic Copies of Meeting items: Harbormaster Procko suggested that all commission members and the Harbormaster receive electronic copies from the sponsors of applications that are to be reviewed ten days before the commission meeting. This will provide member pre-review time. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and was unanimously approved.

Mr. Allyn moved and Mr. Scott seconded a motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau - Chairman