

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
Minutes for Regular Meeting
February 7, 2019
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on February 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Members present were David Carreau (Chair), Rod Cook, Fred Allard, and Ken Scott. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guests Peter Chappell, Cynthia Wall, Paul Bates and Andrew Stackpole.

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 January 3, 2019, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster Procko:

Mooring Permit renewal applications were mailed in January. Thanks to Mr. Allyn for his assistance. All payments to date have been deposited at Stonington Town Hall.

Army Corps Permit - NAE-2018-01830 - Pryor Kelp Farm was received on February 5, 2019.

"NO WAKE" signs for the East Fairway have been obtained. Thanks to Mr. Cook for picking them up.

Unfinished Business

Pump-out Boat Funding: Mr. Peter Chappell of Pete's Marine Services provides the free pumpout service for boats in the Mystic River, the rest of Groton and Fishers Island supported by State-administered Federal Grants. These grants cover 75% of the pump out service cost, with the remaining 25% solicited from the towns served. Mr. Chappell sent a letter dated October 12, 2018 to Stonington First Selectman requesting \$19,980 to match Groton's contribution. Our commission has only contributed token funding for the pumpout service over the years because our budget is based on mooring fees of \$50 for about 250 moorings and we receive no funding from the approximately 1300 dock spaces within our jurisdiction. It is obvious that the requested \$19,980 is above our financial capability and should be addressed by the Town of Stonington. Chairman Carreau met with the director of finance in December to summarize this situation.

Our commission member, Mr. Fred Allard, has developed a "Working Paper" which includes dock space and moorings in the Mystic/Stonington/Groton area served by the pumpout service. The volume of sewage collected in Stonington waters, as reported by Mr. Chappell, was virtually on a par with that collected in Groton waters and is consistent with the geographic distribution of boats in 2018 established in Mr. Allard's analysis. This analysis confirmed that Mr. Chappell's letter request for funds matching Groton's is reasonable, based on the 52/48 split in gallonage pumped from Groton/Stonington.

Chairman Carreau and Mr. Allard went over the "Working Paper" with Mr. James Sullivan, Stonington Finance Officer prior to our February 7th meeting. Mr. Sullivan requested that we attend the Town of Stonington Board of Finance meeting on March 6, 2019 at 7:15 p.m. at the Stonington Police Station. Chairman Carreau, Mr. Allard, and Mr. Chappell indicated they plan to attend and bring supporting data relating to the pump-out service. Mr. Paul Bates, Chairman of the Groton Harbor Management Commission also plans to attend.

DEEP General Permit Application: Pier & Float - J. Croker, 8 Mill St. Old Mystic: Chairman Carreau received a copy of the revised plan of the boat dockage orientation dated January 31, 2019. Upon review, Mr. Scott made a motion that the application be approved for it would not be inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

DEEP Permit: 137/1806-616n Authorization for 12 Day markers (max.): This permit, dated January 18, 2019, confirms authorization for 12 signs marking the new pilings in the East Fairway.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Mr. Allard distributed draft graphics and accompanying text for Commission members to review and comment.

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

Marker Piles & "T - 3" Anchorage (North of Mystic Seaport): No new information.

Mystic River Park Support: No new information.

New Business

DEEP COP Stone Seawall Repair - David Ryan, 8 Bay St. Mystic: Mr. Stackpole presented details. Mr. Allard made a motion that the application be approved for it would not be inconsistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

DEEP COP Morning Glory Manor, LLC, application for a second lift and relocation of the float: Chippechaug Trail, Masons Island, Ms. Wendy Siracusa. This request was tabled pending more information. The copy of the application appeared to be missing the project drawings. It is requested that the information be sent electronically to MysticHMC@gmail.com prior to the next meeting.

Note: It is requested that **electronic copies of all applications** be submitted to MysticHMC@gmail.com ten days before meetings so that they may be pre-reviewed by Commission members.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Scott seconded a motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau – Chairman