

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for Regular Meeting

September 7, 2017

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on September 7, 2017, 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 Paul Bates, Keith Neilson of Docko, Jayne Scott, and Hugh McGee.

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 July 6, 2017, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Allyn made a motion that they be accepted. It was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported that no additional mooring fees have been collected. He has responded to several calls regarding small rental craft in the river as discussed below. He is working with the owner of "Poet's Lounge" to assign a new mooring location. Harbormaster Allyn reported that all Masons Island mooring permits are paid in full. The mooring waiting list continues to be updated.

Unfinished Business

Rental Power Cats and Stand-Up Paddleboards: Harbormaster Procko has been in frequent contact with Mr. Roche via telephone as well as on the river during patrol. He has forwarded Mr. Roche a copy of the act concerning speed limits on the river and reviewed preferred areas to navigate with Mr. Roche. He has resolved several complaints re HID headlights. Mr Roche has responded positively to a number of suggestions and has been receptive to concerns. The Harbormaster has also discussed paddleboard etiquette with individual users as a major problem with the paddleboards is they impede navigation in the channel by larger vessels. He has distributed "If Found" decals but finds the majority of users are on rentals. Continued complaints of their operation could result in restrictions.

East Fairway Markers: Mooring Contractor "Sound Marine LLC" has recommended helix anchors rather than mushroom anchors for channel markers. A proposal for this option was presented. A copy of the detail proposal will be forwarded to commission members. Complaints of obstruction strikes in the east fairway have been received. They must be marked to be found. The Commission has invested in a detailed hydrographic survey and a separate diver survey. Added specific input is requested.

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review: Updates are being drafted as new data is available.

Pier & Float Application by A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: Chairman Carreau was not aware of a U.S. Army Corps comment deadline due to the summer schedule. Upon learning of this situation he sent a commission letter to Mr. Taylor Bell, Concord, MA, on August 25, 2017, stating the inconsistency of the project with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Detailed objections were also summarized.

Anchorage Area T-3 - North Channel Marking: Mr. Allyn made a motion to approve submission of the Commission's application for a permit to the DEEP for pilings to mark the channel from north of the Mystic Seaport up to Riverview Cemetery. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mystic River Boathouse Park - Seaport Storm Moorings: Diver inspection shows that two 3000 lb. granite blocks at the northern area of the Seaport are buried in the mud and are not an obstruction.

Dock at Clipper Point: The DEEP COP documentation for the existing dock on the property of Mr. Thomas Parker was reviewed. It is consistent with the Mystic River Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

New Business

PZ1720SPA & CAM Site Plan - 2 Harry Austin Drive, Mystic - 42 Residential Townhouse Units: The plan is consistent with the Mystic River Harbor Management Plan requirement for storm water runoff. Mr. Cook made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

DEEP Permit Application - Pier & Float at 50 Roseleah Drive, Murphy Point - Mr. Richard Bradley. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Cook made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

DEEP Permit Application - New Ramp & Float - Admiral Cove at 165 Whitehall Avenue, Old Mystic - Mr. William Kane. 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.

DEEP Issue of COP - Whitehall Homeowners Association, Inc., for the Wharf Rehabilitation at Riverbend Drive, Mystic, CT. This permit has been previously approved by the Commission. This final documentation is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Cook and approved with one abstention.

DEEP Permit Application - New Pier Extension at 40 Nauyaug Point Road, Masons Island - Mr. Jeffery Walker. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

DEEP COP - New Boat Lift Application at 5 Yacht Club Road, Masons Is. - Mr. Charles Alfano. This project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept, which was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved.

Enders Island Seawall Project - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice dated 7/6/2017 describes this Section 14 Shoreline Erosion Protection project. Mr. Hugh McGee made comments on the unknowns of climate change. Ms. Judith Johnson of the US Army Corps may be contacted for a draft report on the environmental assessment. Planning Division Tel. No. 978-318-8138

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

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau - Chairman