

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
Minutes for Regular Meeting
November 7, 2019
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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on November 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall, 10 Broadway Ave, Mystic. Members present were David Carreau (Chair), Rod Cook, and Fred Allard. Also present were Harbormaster Don Procko and Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary).

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 October 3, 2019, Regular Meeting were presented. Mr. Allard made a motion that they be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster(s) Report:

Harbormaster Don Procko reported receiving several calls related to the recent windstorm. He assisted two insurance adjusters regarding tackle that had parted. He assisted Amtrak with contacting the owner of a sailboat whose mast had tangled with a line at the railroad bridge. He assisted the Stonington Police Department responding to a boat partly sunk near Abigail Island.

Harbormaster Procko is awaiting a schedule of the Amtrak railroad bridge closings during January through March of 2020. He will forward it to the Commission upon receipt.

Harbormaster Procko is putting together the data for the annual mooring permit renewal letters. He noted that several new moorings were issued during 2019.

Relative to the new property owner's request for the transfer of an existing mooring which was discussed last month, Chairman Carreau mentioned that this was for one mooring associated with the property as referred to as "a mooring location" stated in Section 3 - paragraph, c) on page 27 of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan dated May 1995. In general, it is understood that an additional mooring may be granted to a property owner to account for different family needs at a given time.

The commission also discussed the issue of moorings in a turning basin. Some moorings were "grandfathered" in the recently dredged area south of the Mystic Railroad Bridge in this federally designated area. These moorings can be eliminated through attrition. The situation will be addressed in the "in process" revision of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan which Fred Allard is working on.

Unfinished Business

Shellfish - Expansion of the area southwest of Masons Island: Commissioners looked at this preliminary area. Chairman Carreau stated that an effort has always been made to positively coexist with the shellfish commission. This area appears to be a minor extension of the existing situation and is no different than existing areas. Don Murphy is chairman of the Shellfish Commission.

East Fairway - Additional Piles Seaward – no news

Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review – in progress

Marker Piles & "T - 3" Transient Anchorage Area (North of Seaport) – on hold

Mystic River Boathouse Park Support: The newly elected Stonington Selectmen have indicated that they will move forward with this project. As previously documented, this commission is in favor of this project.

Mr. Cook made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Allard and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:28.

Respectfully Submitted:



David Carreau - Chair