

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

Minutes for September 1, 2016

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The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held its regular meeting on September 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 Harbormaster Don Procko, Katrina Bercaw (recording secretary), and guest Paul Bates.

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 June 2, 2016, regular meeting were presented. Mr. Scott made a motion to accept. It was seconded by Mr. Allyn and unanimously approved.

Harbormaster

Harbormaster Procko reported his thanks to Paul Conner of Steamboat Wharf who secured a 20-foot tree in the river and to Harry Boardensen of Seaport Marine, for offering to lift it out. He responded to a call about four illegal moorings on Casino Road in Old Mystic, which were then removed. John Carija at a Marina near the Daniel Packer Inn and others have requested more "Slow No Wake" signage. Mooring "J57" has been pulled out of the East Fairway with the help of Andy Helbig and Noank Village Boatyard.

Letters have been sent to mooring holders requesting the latitude and longitude of their assigned mooring location. The vessels name, registration number and description are also required to complete the permit.

Jeff Jones has applied for a mooring to move the barge *Can Do* off schooner wharf. After discussion, the Commission would like a sketch confirming the details to assure that the proposal maintains the 50-foot buffer from the channel and does not interfere with the Bay Street mooring field. The Harbormaster will contact Mr. Jones.

It was mentioned that the Harbormaster had an assistant when the commission was first established. At present the Harbormaster is spending several hours per day on the water or researching information on the computer.

Unfinished Business

- Chairman Carreau stated that the pilings to mark the newly dredged Secondary Auxiliary State Channel are scheduled to be installed by the Masons Island Marina as planned.
- The commission will document Latitude/Longitude readings in degrees and minutes with the minutes in decimals to obtain the required accuracy rather than the use of seconds. This will conform to government standards.

- Accurate marker buoy location as requested by the Coast Guard Auxiliary were determined for the East Fairway using the Hydrographic Survey for dredging . The database for buoy location is being updated where necessary.
- The Mystic Harbor Management Plan Review continues.
- Pier & Float Application - A. Maurice, 36 Riverbend Drive: The CT DEEP Hearing Officer is currently reviewing testimony from the hearings. The applicants attorney may have requested a time extension.
- Private Moorings in Anchorage Area T-3 - Hydrographic Survey: Mr. Scott has procured an estimate of \$3,500 from Keith Neilson at Docko, Inc., to obtain a survey of this area. The commission will authorize this effort.
- Sign for the Public Dinghy Dock at Holmes Street will be procured when time is available.
- Dock at Clipper Point: Documentation update by the CT DEEP is in process.
- Kelp Production (Gates Island area) by the Thimble Island Oyster Company: The Commission is concerned that the proposed lines and cables could be a hazard to navigation. Mr. Allyn will write a letter of concern.

New Business

CT DEEP COP Application to retain and reconstruct a timber pier and add a new Boat Lift by Mitchel B. Strand at 18 Skiff Lane on Masons Island was reviewed. The proposed project was found to be consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

CT DEEP COP Application to install a new pile mounted Boat Lift and associated equipment by Kevin North at 38 Nauyaug Point Road on Masons Island was reviewed. The proposed project was found to be consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Allard made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Scott and unanimously approved.

DEEP TENTATIVE DETERMINATION - Water Quality Certification: This document was reviewed by the commission without comment.

It was noted that inexperienced kayakers are a potential hazard to swimmers and vessels attempting to maneuver . It was suggested that the rental agencies be advised that the Commission has received complaints from vessels trying to navigate especially through the bridges.

Mr. Allyn moved and Mr. Cook seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

David Carreau, Chairman