

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

March 6, 2014

Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Lou Allyn, Jack Washburn, Don Procko, Rod Cook and Harbor Master Paul Watts. Jeff Anderson, William Brissette, David Percival, June Danaher, Francis Danaher, Geoff Blackwell, Tom Tetlow, David Tetlow, Tom Blumie, and Constantine Marcis were also present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Carreau presented our newest member, Mr. Rod Cook, to the commission.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept the February 6, 2014 minutes. Mr. Cook seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved it.

Harbor Master Report

Harbormaster Watts reported that \$800 was deposited in the town account from mooring holders. Mr. Allyn reported that 30 applications have been received.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of Federal Channel

In response to the letter sent out by the Commission and Harbormaster, dated February 18, 2014, several mooring permit holders were present seeking information on the fate of their moorings in the triangular 9 foot deep area south of the railroad bridge. They have held these locations for 20 to 30 years. Harbor Master Watts stated that he and the Commission should make sure that each eligible existing mooring permit owner is able to retain a mooring. Chairman Carreau then explained that he had been advised by all governing agencies that moorings had to be removed for dredging or we could forfeit this once in a century funding opportunity. After hearing comments and much discussion, Chairman Carreau explained that the commission must prepare a Permit Consultation Form stating that the proposed project is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Since this area is designated as a turning basin in the management plan and the U.S. Army Corps identifies it as an anchorage and since presently there are moorings in place, it will be necessary to provide the commission's approach under "Comments/Recommendations" of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/DEEP Permit Consultation Form to justify multi utilization. In summary, the permit form will state the following shared use plan:

The proposed use plan is to allow existing eligible mooring holders to return based on a vessel's length and draft to a grid, to be developed, along the outer perimeter of the

basin away from the federal channel. An open area will be reserved to provide a turning basin for vessels waiting for the railroad bridge to open and an anchorage area for visiting vessels that are too large to navigate through the Mystic River Bridges. The shared usage of this 9 foot deep area is consistent with our management plan, which states on page 53, that an overall objective is to provide greater public opportunities for water-based recreational activities.

Mr. Allyn made a motion that the permit form be made out to present this plan and that it is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion. The commission unanimously approved it.

T-2 Marker Buoys (Transient Anchorage)

This project is on hold because of the expense of paying for mooring removal.

East Fairway -- Abandoned Moorings

Still scheduled for this spring.

New Business

Shaffer's Marina - Dredging

Mr. Allen Fee may be interested in being part of the East Fairway dredging to his marina. Mr. Don Procko will go over the present situation with him. The problem maybe timing. The Harbor Commission would support his participation.

Coastal Environmental Services

Mr. Constantine Macris of Coastal Environmental Services Inc. updated the Commission on their pump-out services. They are looking for a discharge facility on the Stonington side of the river. He requested the commission's yearly contribution of \$1,650.00. Chairman Carreau stated that with the added expense of mooring removal from the turning basin, the request could not be acted upon immediately.

Adjournment

Mr. Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,


David Carreau, Chairman