

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
September 4, 2014 Minutes
Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Don Procko, Lou Allyn, Rod Cook, Fred Allard, Jack Lee and Harbor Master Paul Watts. Paul Bates, Jeff Anderson, Bill Brissette, Geoffrey Jones, Nancy Lockwood, George Dunnington and Michael Souza were also present.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., beginning with the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Allyn made a motion to accept the August 7, 2014 minutes. Mr. Cook seconded the motion and the Commission approved it.

Mr. Cook made a motion to accept the August 11, 2014 special meeting minutes. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and the Commission approved it.

Harbor Master Report –

Boat anchored in Mystic Harbor (Murphy)

Harbormaster Watts informed the commission that this steel hulled boat is anchored centrally in Mystic Harbor west of the northern leg of the auxiliary fairway. There is an urgent safety need to prevent the boat from causing property damage if it breaks loose in severe weather. At present it is anchored and not on a mooring. Mr. Murphy has the privilege of having a mooring through his ownership of waterfront property. However, any mooring permit has to be for a specific vessel considering draft, length, width, tonnage and seaworthiness. The fact that this vessel requires an estimated 5 feet of water will not allow it to be moored in the shallow mud flats in front of his property. In addition, this vessel sank and was on the bottom part of this season. Legal counsel advises that the commission obtain the services of a marine surveyor to determine the value of the boat to protect the town from liability for any legal action that we might need to take and also to determine if the vessel is seaworthy. This effort is in process.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of Federal Channel & Mystic Auxiliary Fairway

The dredging project is scheduled for October 1, 2014.

Mooring Holder Removal Notification Letter

A letter dated September 2, 2014 was sent to mooring holders in the turning basin notifying them that their boats have to be off their moorings by October 1, 2014 for dredging by the Army Corps. As stated earlier, any mooring holder who has a specific issue should contact the Harbormaster. Boats not removed from these Turning Basin moorings will be removed and temporarily tied up at the owner's expense. In the next few weeks

Mystic Shipyard, the mooring removal contractor, will inspect each mooring to insure that they are of adequate strength to be pulled from the mud.

East Fairway Obstruction

This fairway was marked in 2011 as authorized by the Mystic Harbor Management Plan dated May 1995. Previously moorings had been placed in this area. Complaints now indicate that there may be hazardous debris, which must be removed. Inspecting of this area is being planned.

Request for Advance Spending in 2014

A letter from the Commission dated September 2, 2014 was sent to the Board of Finance requesting an advance from the 2015 mooring fees that have been increased to \$50.00. Priority obligations include: cost for the mooring removal contractor, a marine surveyor for the questionable seaworthy boat, east fairway inspection and a previous commitment made for the pump out boat operation.

New Business

CT DEEP Form 101E, Brewers Yacht Yard Dock Modification

Brewers Yacht Yard and Docko, Inc. were unable to attend this meeting to make a presentation. Chairman Carreau requested that the review by the commission be postponed. No action was taken.


CT DEEP Form 101E, Old Mystic Estates - Drainage Site Plan

A request for a storm drainage system for Old Mystic Estates was presented to the Commission. Chairman Carreau had called the engineering firm of Milone & MacBroom and received a memo dated September 3, 2014 stating how the management for water discharge specified on page 42 of the Management Plan will be met. Mr. Cook made a motion that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Procko seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:42

Respectfully Submitted:


David Carreau - Chairman