

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
December 6, 2007

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Louis Allyn, Richard Lotz, John Washburn Jr. Oliver Wilson, John Lee and Fred Allard. Harbormaster Paul Watts was also present.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting the order at 7:30 p.m.

The Commission said the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the November 1, 2007 minutes. Mr. Washburn Jr. seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Reckless Boat Operation

Harbormaster Watts has submitted a letter to Ms. Mariani – State Boating Law Administrator, DEP Requesting that the speed limit be 6 mph for the whole Mystic River. Mr. Lotz, as a representative of the Mystic Seaport, will write a letter of support.

Derelict Boats

Harbormaster Watts reported that we are down to one derelict which is disintegrating. Recently a boat broke loose and landed on the rocks, but it was removed quickly.

Mooring Permit Applications

Harbormaster Watts will give Mr. Allyn an updated list of applicants. The list will contain those who need to be removed from the list and those who need to be added.

Dredging of Channel

Mr. Allyn informed the committee that Mr. O'Donnell will have the results of the sediment sampling by the end of December.

Transient Dingy Dock

The ordinance revision regarding dock usage is on hold until after review by other town agencies.

Remote Float – MI Yacht Club

Chairman Carreau's letter to the DEP stating the discussions and recommendations of the Mystic Harbor Commission was sent to the DEP on November 10, 2007.

CT. Harbor Management Association Annual Meeting

Chairman Carreau, Harbormaster Watts, Mr. Allyn, and Paul Bates of Groton attended the Nov. 8, meeting. Items discussed included:

Training and enforcement: “Harbormaster accountability” Who should train Harbormasters? Should the Harbormaster report to the DEP or the DOT? What relationship does the Harbormaster have with the rest of the EMS system? Mr. Allyn will ask the Town of Stonington to include the Harbormaster to the EMS plan and website.

The Mystic Harbor Commission is compliant regarding Fee information another question was “State Building Codes” Relative to Docks?

Jail House Point Dock

The ramp is up and the float has been moved to a mooring for the winter.

Parliamentary Procedure Presentation

Harbormaster Watts and Mr. Allyn attended the meeting. Mr. Allyn reported the Mystic Harbor Commission is doing a good job in following Roberts Rule of Order.

COP Application – Old Mystic Basin

Admirals’ Cove – Old Mystic Basin submitted a new application to change the float dimensions from 8x12 to 6x16. A Motion was made by Mr. Lotz that it was reviewed without comment. Mr. Washburn Jr. seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Pump out boat

The Committee discussed Chairman Bates of the Groton Harbor Management Commission’s request to have the Mystic Harbor Commission increase its portion of the shared fees for the operation of the pump out boat.

A motion was made by Mr. Lee to increase the Mystic Harbor Commission’s portion from \$1,500 annually to \$1,650. Mr. Allard seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Dredging of Private Docks

The OT Harbor Management Association is requesting input for private dock dredging. The DEP makes the decision on a case by case basis and should continue to do so.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman