

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
March 6, 2008

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Richard Lotz, Oliver Wilson, John Lee, John Washburn Jr. and Fred Allard. Harbormaster Paul Watts, Jeff Anderson, Dave Manzies, and Groton Commission Chairman Paul Bates were also present.

Call to Order

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

The Commission said the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the February 8, 2008 minutes. Mr. Washburn Jr. seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Non-permitted Moorings

Harbormaster Watts reported he continues to follow up on reports, and is weeding out those who are not legal. He was able to make contact with the owner of the grounded boat north of the YMCA beach.

Mooring Permit Applications

Harbormaster Watts reported that Applications are coming in and he has deposited \$1,170 from mooring permit applications. The process has begun in marking the Noank Grid and identifying the open moorings. Effort is being made to prevent any mooring from being dropped into the fairway.

Chairman Carreau will ask Mr. Allyn if any progress has been made in marking the fairway on the north shore of Mason's Island.

Chairman Carreau has thanked the Gilmans, per letter dated February 1, 2008, for their generous gift of two 13 inch "No WAKE" spar buoys. These will be placed in the Mystic River.

Dredging of Channel

There is no change since last meeting. Mr. Allyn will be asked to contact the Army Corp of Engineers upon his return.

Reckless Boat Operation

Chairman Carreau presented the letter, dated February 23, 2008, that he wrote on behalf of the Commission to the DEP in support for a 6 mph speed limit for the whole Mystic River. Mr. Lotz and Chairman Paul Bates agreed to also write letters of support.

Transient Dingy Dock

The draft from Attorney Londregan regarding ordinance 3495, (H081390) dated February 24, 2008, was distributed for review by the Commission. Comments will be presented at a working meeting with other town agencies scheduled for March 24, 2008.

New Business

Chairman Paul Bates asked for comments on a new public access dock for the Town of Groton. The Commission agreed with the effort and shared the recent experience of the Jail House Point dinghy dock. A grant from the Connecticut license plate program was used for construction. An estimate of \$25,000 is the cost for construction.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Mr. Washburn Jr. seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman