

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
May 1, 2008

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Richard Lotz, John Lee, John Washburn Jr. and Fred Allard. Harbormaster Paul Watts, Jeff Anderson, 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. Lotz made a motion to accept the April 3, 2008 minutes. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Mooring Permit Applications

Harbormaster Watts reported \$820.00 was deposited into the Stonington town account. Commercial Permit holders have been notified to designate their floats.

Non-permitted Moorings

The two boats near the YMCA are close to being designated derelict boats. Further discussion with their owner will be pursued by Harbormaster Watts.

Dredging of Channel – Turning Basin

Mr. Allyn received a memo from Mr. Walsh of the Army Corps of Engineers stating that the first phase of testing showed sand and silt. There is no money appropriated in the 2009 budget and the project is on hold.

Reckless Boat Operation

Harbor Master Watts reported we are waiting for support, and action from the towns of Groton and Stonington. The commission agrees with Groton Chairman Paul Bates that the area in question should cover the entire Mystic river basin up to the Rt. 27 Bridge.

Transient Buoy Seasonal Placement

Chairman Carreau Reported that chain has been ordered and Mason Island Marina will be placing and removing the buoys for the 2008 calendar year.

Jailhouse Point Transient Dock

The float and ramp will be repositioned for the summer use when Harbormaster Watts has his boat in operation.

New Business

Brewers Dock & Dredging expansion 2/28/08

Mr. Allard made a motion of review without comment Brewers Dock & Dredging Expansion 2/28/08. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

McKay Ramp & Float additions 52 Old N. Rd 4/16/08

Mr. Lee made a motion of review without comment McKay Ramp & Float additions 25 Old N. Rd. 4/16/08. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion; it was approved by the Commission.

Senate Bill S. 2766

In a follow up to last months request by Mr. Bates, Mr. Allyn distributed an email which urges people to contact there representative to stop the Discharge Permit Requirement legislation. This would no longer exempt small craft bilge discharge. This exemption has been in effect since enactment of the Clean Water Act and is a necessary condition.

Pump out Boat

Mr. Bates updated the commission on the pump out boat issue. A 501 C 3 not for profit organization is being formed to handle the operation. The operation is to be expanded and will work directly with the DEP rather than with the town of Groton as administrator.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman