

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
April 3, 2008

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 3, 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, Groton Commission Chairman Paul Bates, Hillary Wheeler, Kristyn Tracey, Jeffrey Moore, Terry Tracey, and Michelle Wheeler 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 March 6, 2008 minutes. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Mooring Permit Applications

Harbormaster Watts reported twelve percent have not responded. He will be making another deposit next week. Harbormaster Watts expects a net reduction of two moorings this year. There is one boat in question that may fall under Mr. Rufus Allyn's jurisdiction.

Dredging of Channel

Mr. Allyn received a memo from Mr. Walsh of the Army Corps of Engineers that the first phase of testing is complete. The second phase will be started soon. In the memo Mr. Walsh asked the commission to continue to look into upland disposal sites.

Mr. Allyn will ask the Army Corps of Engineers if a location change of part of the turning basin would delay the project.

Reckless Boat Operation

Harbor Master Watts reported a reading of House Bill # 5135 in the Connecticut legislature in February 2008. This supports the harbor master for enforcement.

Transient Dingy Dock Ordinance

There was a meeting between the Mystic Harbor Commission Chairman, First Selectman Habarek, Stonington Police Chief Stewart, Mr. Purcell and Docko, Inc. The ordinance will state that the rules are "as posted". This allows the dingy docks to keep the signs which already exist and result in the intended use of the dock. The ordinance will come before the next Town meeting.

Masons Island Yacht Club

The DEP has sent notification that it has overruled the Mystic Harbor Commission regarding the yacht club's request to install a 16x48 floating platform. Chairman Carreau received a call from Director Brian Thompson of the DEP on 3/11/08 on this matter. The conversation allowed Chairman Carreau the opportunity to state his concern with the difficulty of obtaining dock permits in our area. Mr. Thompson said he would look into the matter.

New Business

Shaffer's Marina Inc DEP #200401245-MG

Mr. Lee made a motion of review without comment DEP permit #200401245-MG. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Ram Point Cove, LLC DEP #200500227-DL)

Mr. Washburn made a motion of review without comment DEP permit # 200500227-DL. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion, Mr. Allyn abstained. It was approved by the Commission.

Transient Buoy Seasonal Placement

The seasonal plan for obtaining the services of Masons Island Marina for placing and removing the buoys for 2008 was discussed. Chain must also be purchased. Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the expenditures. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Other Business

Mr. Allyn reported that the Connecticut Water Trails association is trying to set up an organizational link and map all of the Kayak trails along the Connecticut shore line.

Mr. Bates distributed an editorial from "Wind Check" on the unintended consequence of the clean water act which will cost boat owners of an estimated \$800 for a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit. (Senate Bill S. 2766)

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman