

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
February 8, 2008

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Richard Lotz, Oliver Wilson, and Fred Allard. Harbormaster Paul Watts, 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 January 3, 2008 minutes. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Mooring Permit Applications

Harbormaster Watts reported that all 211 mooring permit renewals have been sent out and he is receiving the completed applications.

Derelict Boats

Chairman Carreau suggested, and the committee agreed to remove derelict boats as an agenda item until more legislative action can be undertaken.

Non-permitted Moorings

Harbormaster Watts reported the Mystic shipyard filed a complaint concerning two boats they pulled off the rocks after the boats broke from there non-permitted moorings.

Dredging of Channel

Harbormaster Watts presented two possible options to mitigate problems with 24 moorings during dredging of the turning basin south of the railroad bridge. Option one is to create a new turning basin west of the channel. The second option is to dredge the northwest corner of the transient anchorage area and move twelve of the moorings to that location. Questions were raised as to whether there is need for a turning basin, and if not the moorings would only have to be moved temporarily while the dredging took place off season. A concern is that any change to the federal project area could disrupt the needed dredging because it would involve federal legislation. Lou Allyn will contact the Army engineers for input.

Reckless Boat Operation

Mr. Allard made a motion for Chairman Carreau to write a letter on the Commissions behalf in support for a 6 mph speed limit for the whole Mystic River. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion. And it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Transient Dingy Dock

The town ordinance revision regarding transient dock usage is still under review by other town agencies and the town attorney.

Jonathan Ayers DEP #200500455-SB Masons Is

Mr. Lotz made a motion to review without comment DEP permit #200500455-SB. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Ram Pt Cove LLC DEP #200500227-DL Masons Is

Mr. Allard made a motion to review without comment DEP permit #200500227-DL. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission

CT Cultured Oysters App Oct 26, 2007 Masons Is

Mr. Lotz made a motion to review without comment CT Cultured Oysters application Oct 26, 2007. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission

DEP COP App Bulkhead Repair-Gwenmor Marina

Mr. Lotz made a motion to review without comment DEP COP application Bulkhead Repair for Gwenmor Marina. Mr. Allard seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission

DEP App Bulkhead Repair-Simonds-Roseleah Drive

Mr. Allard made a motion to review without comment DEP application Bulkhead Repair for Simonds-Roseleah Drive. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission

Open Moorings

Harbormaster Watts announced that there maybe 8-10 open moorings in the Noank Grid due to people giving up there moorings. Consideration will be given to planned fairways.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman