

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
April 2, 2009

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Fred Allard, Lou Allyn, Oliver Wilson, and Jack Washburn. Harbormaster Paul Watts, Groton Chairman Paul Bates, Don Procko and Jeff Anderson 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 5, 2009 minutes. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Harbormasters Report:

Non-permitted Moorings

Harbormaster Watts recommends pictures be taken of the Murphy boat to show it is derelict and have it removed by the town.

2009 Mooring Applications

Harbormaster Watts reported 95% of mooring renewals have been received; he will make a deposit this week into the town account. Harbormaster Watts believes there will be eight new mooring sites available on the Stonington side of the Noank Grid.

Mr. Allyn reported that 4-5 mooring permits are yet to be paid from Masons Island. Another 6-8 have not been paid in two years and are now considered available for reassignment.

Unfinished Business:

Dredging of Channel

Mr. Allyn reported that Joe Salvatore (CT Dredging Coordinator) indicated that the Connecticut Maritime Commission (CTMC) has taken on the roll of coordinating the state's dredging needs and vetting/prioritizing them for consideration. We need to contact the CTMC to find out if they know about our project and where we stand on their priority list. We also need to invite Joe Salvatore to an upcoming meeting to discuss our project with him. More information can be found at www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dcmtc/m309.pdf

Reckless Boating Operation

Groton Chairman Bates shared his interpretation of the CT. General Statutes as published in the 1997 & 2009 versions of the Ct Boating Safety Enforcement Manuals. There is ambiguity in the regulations. They can be read as specifying no wake enforcement and/or a 6 mph limit at 100 or 200 feet of docks or other boats. “No wake” is up to interpretation and results in difficult enforcement. It looks like the Mystic River issue will be handled as a regulatory and not a legislative issue. House Bill #5476 is still in committee. It appears that comprehensive input should be obtained to achieve a balance between all factions of river users.

Transient Dock – Float Reinstallation

The float will be reinstalled for the summer after April 22nd, and the new transient tie up signs will be installed at that time.

Transient Anchorage Buoy Placement

Masons Island Marina and Chairman Carreau will replace anchorage buoys in the river after April 22nd. They have been reworked for the season.

Lane vs. Parry

DEP has not made a decision.

Gwenmor Dock Application at 20 Roseleah Drive

No new information

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carreau, Chairman