

Mystic Harbor Management Commission  
October 1, 2009

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Oliver Wilson, Dick Lotz, and Jack Washburn. Jeff Anderson, Constantine Macris & Harbor Master Paul Watts 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 September 3, 2009 minutes. Mr. Lotz seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**Regular Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Wilson made a motion to set the regular meeting of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission as the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**Coastal Environmental Service**

Mr. Constantine Macris, president of Coastal Environmental Service give an update to the Commission on the Pump out Boat. He is set up as a non profit organization. They run three pump out boats that service the local waters from Lords point to the Themes River. The Mystic Harbor Management Commission makes an annual donation to support the efforts of the pump out boat. Grants are also received from the town of Groton and the State of Connecticut. Tax deductible donation are also made by private boat owners who use the service, even though the service is provided free of charge.

**Harbormasters Report:**

Harbormaster Watts with the assistance of Oliver Wilson has assigned four new moorings to the Stonington side of the Noank Grid. \$40 dollars has been deposited in the town account from late mooring fees received. The chairman of the Newport Harbor commission called Harbormaster Watts to ask how he handled people on a waiting list for moorings.

Harbormaster Watts received a call from the New London branch of the Coast Guard asking about possible hurricane holes in the Mystic River for one of their boats.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Dredging of Channel**

Mr. Allyn continues to work with the Army Corp of Engineers.

**Reckless Boating Operation**

Harbor Master Watts reported that he has received two formal complaints about the boat "Scaup" speeding in the river.

#### **Derelict Boats**

The DEP responded to the First Selectman's letter. The DEP is not willing to take responsibility for having the Murphy Boat removed. They suggested the town begin the application process to have the boat removed. The first Selectman has asked the commission for comments. Harbor Master Watts has received a phone call from attorney Melvin Scott to inquire on the condition of the boat.

#### **New Business:**

##### **DEP – Residential Dock Regulations**

The DEP has issued a draft for changes to the Connecticut General Statutes. Because of the limited time for comment, chairman Carreau sent a letter dated September 25, 2009 to the DEP stating concerns with their approach. A meeting is being set up with state legislatures.

##### **Mason Island Landing LLC**

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson that the commission does not object to the concept proposed for a new permit application for the removal of a rock on the beach by Mason Island Landing LLC., and it is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

##### **Dick Lotz**

Mr. Dick Lotz announced his retirement from the Mystic Seaport. Mr. Lotz offered to resign from the commission if we wished to have an active representative from the Mystic Seaport. Chairman Carreau appreciated Mr. Lotz's comments but asked him to stay on the commission.

##### **Adjournment**

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,



David Carreau, Chairman