

Mystic Harbor Management Commission

June 3, 2010

Approved

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Fred Allard, Lou Allyn, Dick Lotz, Jack Lee, Jack Washburn, and Oliver Wilson. Harbor Master Paul Watts, Groton Harbor Management Commission Chairman Paul Bates, 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 April 1, 2010 minutes. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

Harbor Masters Report

Non-Permitted Moorings

Harbor Master Watts reported no new information.

Mooring Renewal Applications

Harbor Master Watts reported no new information.

Unfinished Business:

Dredging of Channel

No Reports

“Slow-No-Wake Zone”

Remarks were made concerning the proposed amendment to DEP Regulation Section 15-121-B15o “To make the entire Mystic River a slow-No-Wake zone” Chairman Carreau stated that The Mystic Harbor commission was not asked to participate in the discussion leading to this proposed change. Discussion revealed that the law will be broken by the large passenger vessels because of their speed length ratio which do not leave much wake. Rowing shells also achieve higher speeds. The real problem is damaging waves which have been difficult to enforce. Coordination between the Harbor Master and the Stonington police has been effective using CGS Section 15-140 which addresses reckless operation enforcement.(See page 35 Mystic Harbor Management Plan) Disappointment was expressed for the lack of concern for local marinas and their engine repair business. All agreed that something had to be done about excessive speed and damaging wakes. Harbor Master Watts believes it is a step in the right direction. Commission members will attend the public hearing on June 29, 2010.

DEP- Residential Dock Regulations

No new information

Realignment of Channel Marker

Harbor Master Paul Watts and the Harbor Master of Groton are working together on the realignment.

Management Plan

There is no need to review the plan at this time. Harbor Master Watts commented that at some point in time it will need to be updated.

New Business:

Jail House Point Float

The Jail house point float is now in.

COP Application – Forster-Pier & Float Retention

COP Application CT DEP COP File 0-10-2156 was presented to the commission. A motion was made by Mr. Allard that the commission does not object to the request and it is consistent with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion. Mr. Allyn abstained; it was approved by the commission.

No Wake buoy location – White letter request

A letter from Stanley & Barbara White was received by chairman Carreau asking that the no wake marker be moved to the south of nun 22. The request is reasonable and the matter has been turned over to Harbor Master Watts to find the optimal placement.

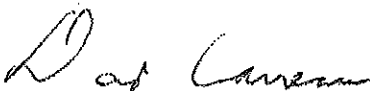
Transient Anchorage Buoys

The four buoys are in place north of Masons Island.

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Lee seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,



David Carreau, Chairman