

Mystic Harbor Management Commission  
March 3, 2011  
Approved

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Dick Lotz, Lou Allyn, John Washburn, Oliver Wilson and Jack Lee. Gary Julian and First Selectman Edward Haberek (part time) 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. Lotz made a motion to accept the February 3, 2011 minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by the Commission.

**Harbor Masters Report**

Mooring Permits: Harbor Master Watts had deposited \$600 at the Town Hall. Mr. Allyn reported that he deposited \$450 from Mason Island moorings.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Dredging of Channel**

Mr. Allyn reported that because of no funding from the federal government in the immediate future, the Army Corps can only continue to work on coordination, approvals and the completion of the Environmental Assessment. Mr. Allyn will attend an Army Corps work session in Bridgeport on March 29, 2011 on the management of dredged materials which is vital for the dredging of the Mystic River.

**“Slow-No-Wake Zone”**

Senator Maynard asked that Chairman Carreau attend a meeting that he was having with the Masons Island Marina on February 21st after the decision on the Mystic No-Wake-Zone. In preparation for this meeting, Mr. Carreau prepared a copy of the package that was mailed to the DEP for the June 29, 2010 Public Hearing. Included in the package were the February 5, 2009 commission minutes when local businesses made statements after which the commission made comments and suggestions. Also included was the commission letter dated February 10, 2009 provided to the Environmental Committee when Mr. Carreau testified in Hartford initially. Senator Maynard requested that the boatyards prepare statements of their concerns.

**Ct 4351 BD**

The black sloop, CT 4351 BD is still on a private mooring without permission.

### **East Fairway & T-1 Anchorage**

Chairman Carreau observed that at present there is only one mooring indicated in the fairway on the working layout sketch. The process of opening up the fairway should start by removing the one mooring that is most directly obstructing the placement of the new green marker buoys. Mr. Allyn will look at the data base and determine the particulars of this mooring.

### **Mooring Fee Regulation - HBO#5126**

First Selectman Haberek had previously clarified to Chairman Carreau that the new bill to increase mooring fees will not change the accounting method of maintaining a separate dedicated account in the town hall for the use of the mooring fee money which is solely for harbor commission use. Mr. Allyn contacted the Connecticut Harbor Management Association to determine their involvement and position on this bill. They are looking into the matter.

### **New Business**

#### **Stonington Harbor No Wake Zone**

It was announced that there would be a meeting at the town hall to vote on a Slow-No-Wake Zone Ordinance for Stonington Harbor on March 21,2011 at 7:00 PM.

#### **Proposed CT Budget Impact on the Marine Industry**

The highlights which will be presented by the Marine Trades Association at the March 9th 8:30 AM meeting in Hartford are:

- Sales Tax on Repair & Maintenance Labor
- Sales Tax on Winter Storage
- Sales Tax on Towing
- Sweep the Boating Account from the DEP to the General Fund
- 3% Luxury Tax on new Boats over \$100,000
- Impose Property Tax on Boats

#### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
David Carreau, Chairman