

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
May 2, 2013
Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Don Procko, Dick Lotz, and Fred Allard. Jeff Anderson, Harbor Master Watts, Paul Bates, Mike Souza, and Ken Reid 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 April 4, 2013 minutes. Mr. Allard seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved it.

Harbor Master Report

The last \$10 mooring application check is to be deposited. Any open moorings will be held until we know if any moorings within the east Fairway need to be moved. Several calls have been received concerning the new East Fairway.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of Federal Channel

No new information.

Four "T-2" Marker Buoys

They were placed April 16, 2013

East Fairway Buoys

The six East Fairway Buoys were placed in Stonington waters on April 18th at the US Coast Guard permitted locations as delineated on Figure 7c of the Mystic Harbor Management Plan approved in May of 1995. The object is to allow shallow draft craft to exit and enter the Mystic River without using the federal channel adjacent to the village of Noank. The ever increasing boat traffic in the federal channel has resulted in a wake and safety problem for the village of Noank.

Mr. Ken Reid addressed the shallowness of the fairway and the proximity of Alfie's Rock from a liability point of view. Boaters are expected to use navigational charts in unfamiliar fairways and it was understood that the outer red buoy should be in an appropriate location relative to the rock. The buoys were placed using a hand held GPS and have yet to be checked. Public notice will be provided.

There are a few moorings in the fairway which must be moved. An attempt was made last year to fine tune the fairway location to accommodate some of the existing moorings.

However, Coast Guard regulations required that the buoys be placed in accordance to plan. These moorings will now be addressed.

Jail House Point Dock

Jailhouse Point dock was commissioned May 1, 2013.

New Business

COP-Dock Modification – Ms. P. Reardon – Masons Is.

A COP- Dock modification for Ms. P. Reardon – Masons Is. was presented to the commission. Mr. Allard made a motion, that the commission does not object to the request and there are no inconsistencies with the Mystic Harbor Management Plan, Mr. Procko seconded the motion. The commission approved it.

Waltrous vs. Town of Preston IWWC Fed. Court Decision

The town attorney has pointed out that town commissions are not to make arbitrary decisions or be bias. Individual commission members were personally fined in this federal court case.

Scott Reed - \$1.00 check for O-Day 27

Chairman Carreau will attempt to close this issue. The town check was never cashed.

Adjournment

Mr. Lotz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Mr. Allard Seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted,


David Carreau, Chairman