

MYSTIC HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Minutes of REGULAR Meeting

January 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

FINAL

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 4, 2024, in the Library at Stonington Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic. Members present were Lou Allyn, Fred Allard, Rod Cook, Tom Longo, Matt Beaudoin, and Patrick Herlihy. Missing were Ken Scott and Harbormaster Don Procko. Also present were Harbormaster Todd Burgess, recording secretary Katrina Bercaw, and guests Ben Tamsky (Selectman), Brooke Ilnitzki, Maddox Massgale, Rye Dickson, and Mitchell Bury.

Minutes by Katrina Bercaw, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chairman Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 7, 2023, were reviewed. Mr. Cook made a motion that the minutes be approved. Mr. Beaudoin seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

Chairman

a) Mr. Allyn reported that waterfront safety measures recommended by the Harbormasters for the Boathouse Park had been sent to RACE Coastal Engineering for inclusion in their designs..

Harbormasters

- a) Report: Harbormaster Burgess reported that the sailboat off Masons Island that had long overstayed was towed away by SeaTow.
- b) Local Harbormasters group will work together to fine-tune their areas of jurisdiction.
- c) Online Mooring 2024 Renewals: Harbormaster Burgess is cleaning up information in the database. He asked if Don's Dock could access MHMC Online Moorings as an inspector and Commission members agreed it could be helpful. Latitude and Longitude of each mooring is required for renewal. Mooring renewal applications are planned to go out next week.

Unfinished Business

- a) Mystic River Boathouse Park: Mr. Allard presented a drawing of the Mystic River channels in front of the Boathouse Park. It was a slight modification to a previously approved project to install marker pilings along the natural channel extending upriver from the north end of the Federal channel. It will provide a more direct line for boat traffic going from one channel to the other and be further away from the long floating dock. He also recommended rotating the dock slightly clockwise to a position further away from the channels and more parallel to the tidal currents of the river. The consensus of the Commission was to renew the permit to install marker pilings on the natural channel to the south of the I-95 bridge. Mr. Cook will contact Keith Neilsen at Docko to renew the permit and Mr. Allyn will

contact RACE Coastal Engineering for their agreement to the change in the position of the floating dock.

- b) Visitor Tips & Information: Mr. Beaudoin and the Harbormasters are assembling information.
- c) Kayak Launch Assistant: Mr. Herlihy noted that ADA compliance would require wheelchair access and adjacent parking. Mr. Longo shared brochures detailing EZ Dock's EZ Launch as an example. He will be attending the Boathouse and Parks commission meetings next week. Mr. Tamsky, who is on the Parks Commission, said there have been past initiatives for ADA access. It was noted that Public Access is an ongoing priority for the MHMC.

New Business

- a) The Enders Island seawall restoration project will be discussed at the February 1, 2024, MHMC meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Beaudoin made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Allard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lou Allyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lou Allyn, Chairman