

Town of Waterford Harbor Management Commission

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, July 1, 2026

5:00 p.m. – Board of Education Conference Room – Upper-Level Town Hall

1. Establish a quorum and call the meeting to order.

Chairman Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. after establishing a quorum.

Present were Commissioners Hughes, Porter, Jamroga and DeRosa. Absent were Commissioners Wise, Crocker, Butts, Jr., Keatley and Arfi.

Harbor Master Crocker was not present at this meeting.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the June 3, 2026, regular meeting minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Jamroga, seconded by Commissioner DeRosa to approve the June 3, 2026, meeting minutes as filed. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Harbor Master report.

Harbor Master Crocker was not present to give a report.

5. Correspondence
6. New Business
 - a. Review of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection License of Structures, Dredging and Fill Permit for 54 Shore Road, Waterford, CT pertaining to dock restoration for a residential boating access from Graham Stevens, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Re-use, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. dated June 4, 2026.

The Commission members reviewed the proposal, and it was the consensus of the Commission members that the scope of work is in line with the Harbor Management Plan and the scope of work will not interfere with Harbor Management activities.

- b. Discussion regarding a meeting with Three Belles regarding “Save the River, Save the Hills” scheduled for July 2, 2026.

Chairman Hughes will attend the meeting with Harbor Master Crocker to discuss the proposal for an interactive kayak trail with map stations. He stated that riparian rights on the Waterford side of the river may limit the access they are requesting but the East Lyme

side may be able to accommodate them. He will report back to the Commission after the meeting.

7. Old Business

a. Update regarding the 2026 mooring and pulley pole applications to date

Chairman Hughes stated that to date there have been one hundred and forty-four applicants that have paid for 2026 moorings, one hundred and twenty-four of those applications have been approved and twenty-five applicants who had moorings last season have not yet responded. The Commission will send out a reminder email to those who have not yet applied this season. Overall, it has been a smooth process this season.

b. Update regarding progress to date with the approval of the amended Harbor Management Plan and maps.

Chairman Hughes stated the Plan needs updating to bring the maps and data up to date and more user friendly. The Commission agreed to work in conjunction with the Town Attorney for guidance over the fall/winter and to review Plans from neighboring towns to help with the process. The Commission agreed that the current Plan should include better maps and clearer information and guidelines but remain in compliance with State and Federal regulations.

c. Discussion regarding Commission member participation in the Waterford Parade

Chairman Hughes stated he will represent the Commission in the Waterford Parade on August 8, 2026, and encouraged the Commission members to join him if they are available to do so.

A discussion was held regarding the Harbor Master boat. Chairman Hughes stated it is in the water for the season. Commissioner Jamroga inquired if the Commission members have access to use of the boat, he stated it would be a good idea to occasionally make their presence known out on the water.

8. Public comment relating to Harbor Management Commission business only

9. Adjournment

There being nothing further to discuss the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Waterford Harbor Management Commission