

MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Waterford Police Department Training Room
Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert DeRosa, Philip Fine, Robert Dutton, Eva Bunnell,
Jim Hamsher, Fred Wise (alternate) ,Greg Crocker (alternate) and Dave Crocker,
Harbor Master

Absent: Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and quorum established. G. Crocker will vote in place of B. Lynch's vacant position.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of the minutes

Motion by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Fine to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2021 regular meeting;
motion passed, vote 7-0.

Motion by Ms. Bunnell to reorder the agenda for Keith Nielson of Docko Inc. to present the SDF for Carlson of 7 Riverside;
seconded by Mr. DeRosa, motion passed, vote 7-0.

4. Harbor Master's Report

- a) Approximately 30 derelict/unpermitted moorings were tagged in August; he has been contacted by several owners of the mooring gear. The Harbor Master plans to pull derelict/unpermitted moorings within the next 6 weeks. He noted that depending on the state of the mooring gear removed this fall, he may recommend to the commission that inspections of mooring gear occur on a 2-year schedule (not the current 3-year schedule). In addition he requested that the inspection schedule be clarified as running on a calendar year (vs an anniversary of the date of the last inspection).
- b) There were several kayaks and dinghies stored in the boat launch area on state property. The Harbor Master contacted DEEP and they plan to contact owners and have them removed.

5. Correspondence –

6. Applications –

- a) A motion by Mr. DeRosa, seconded by Mr. Dutton that the SDF application for Carlson of 7 Riverside Drive be found to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan; motion passed, vote 7-0.

7. Old Business –

- a) Ms. Bunnell drafted a FAQ's document for inclusion on the Harbor Management web page. Edits, including clarification of the inspection process, were suggested. A revision FAQs will be reviewed in October.
- b) Mr. Fine presented a map of the mooring field area in the Niantic River. Two commissioners have been preparing an inventory of moorings located to the east of the channel; the inventory is expected to be completed this month.

8. New Business –

- a) See 6 (A)
- b) A Public notice was run in the Day paper on August 21 that the Harbor Master would be tagging derelict and/or unpermitted moorings in the Waterford harbor.
- c) An invoice for \$691.21 from Fast signs for purchasing 200 orange violation tags was presented. A motion to approve payment was made by Ms. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. Dutton, motion passed, vote 7-0.

d) The East Lyme Harbor Management Commission received an invoice for boat trailer storage. The Waterford Harbor Management is responsible for paying half the cost. The commission has requested the invoice be paid first and that East Lyme Harbor Management invoice half the cost of \$180.00 to the Waterford Harbor Management for payment.

e) Ms. Adams requested the commission establish compensation for the Harbor Master and the Deputy Harbor Master for their explicit efforts with on-the-water time spent tagging and removing noncompliant moorings and other navigational hazards. Motion by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. DeRosa to compensate the Harbor Master \$60.00 per hour and the Deputy Harbor Master \$50.00 per hour for the hours spent on the water in the Waterford Harbor tagging and removing noncompliant moorings and other navigational hazards; not to exceed more than \$2,000.00 per year in total; motion passed, vote 6-0, 1 abstain (Mr. G. Crocker).

f) There was discussion of pulley pole permittees in the area between 2nd and 4th avenues off Niantic River Road, and whether they have rights of access and rights to place poles landward on privately owned property. The pulley pole application requests written permission from the waterfront property owner if the permittee does not have direct access from their property or an association.

Public Comment-

Mr. and Mrs. DuBuono commented on jet ski dockage.

Ms. Fratus commented on the community materials available from the Watershed commission to raise awareness of the effects of run-off.

Adjourn-

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm on a motion by Ms. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. Dutton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Tinker
Recording Secretary