

MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Waterford Police Department Training Room
Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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

Absent: Greg Crocker (alternate) and Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and quorum established. Mr. Wise will be the voting alternate for the meeting in the absence of Mr. Lynch whose position is vacant.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Approval of the minutes
Motion by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. DeRosa to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2021 regular meeting, motion passed, vote 7-0
4. Harbor Masters Report
 - a) Busy handling responses for permittees receiving Non-renewal letters last week.
 - b) Sixteen derelict moorings were pulled in the Spring; we have heard from 3 of them.
 - c) There is currently a sailboat and motorboat unregistered/unpermitted in the Mago Point Area that will be tagged for removal. The Waterford Police Dept. has been notified of the unregistered vessels.
 - d) The Harbormaster will provide information on the storage of the moorings/tackle pulled and the hours spent to pull moorings.
5. Correspondence –
 - a) Mr. Dutton received a letter from a non-renewed mooring owner.
6. Applications –
 - a) The permit application for John Hughes of 52 Niantic River Road was tabled.
7. Old Business –
 - a) Mr. Fine stated the GIS link has been updated with fewer steps to follow on the Harbor Management page of the Town of Waterford website.
8. New Business –
 - a) There was discussion on the permitting of stand-alone jet ski docks. There are currently two floating in the Niantic River that are unattached to any dock, are unpermitted, and are anchored to PVC poles. These stand-alone structures are under the purview of the Harbor Management Commission. There was a discussion of safety concerns regarding the structures and their locations; one is in a very congested area. A motion was made that the Harbor Management Commission would not approve the permitting of any stand-alone jet ski docks at this time by Mr. Hamsher, seconded by Ms. Bunnell, motion passed on a vote of 7-0. Commissioners agreed further information and education is necessary with regard to stand-alone jet ski docks if their permitting were to be considered. Ms. Bunnell will work on a notice for the website to educate the public on this and other important information within the jurisdiction of the Harbor Management Commission.
 - b) Chair Adams requested reimbursement for the cost of mailing non-renewal letters via certified mail. A motion to reimburse Chair Adams for \$273.00 was made by Ms. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. Hamsher and the motion passed on a vote of 7-0.

c) The annual election of officers was held. Ms. Adams agreed to continue for another term as Chair. Mr. Dutton agreed to another term as the Secretary. A motion to accept Ms. Adams as Chair and Mr. Dutton as Secretary for another term was made by Ms. Bunnell, seconded by Mr. DeRosa, motion passed on a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon motion by Mr. Fine, seconded by Mr. Hamsher, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Tinker
Recording Secretary