

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

Zoom Meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert DeRosa, Robert Dutton, Philip Fine, Jim Hamsher, Greg Crocker (alternate), and Fred Wise (alternate).

Absent: Eva Bunnell, Bryan Lynch, Harbor Master David Crocker and Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and quorum established. Greg Crocker and Fred Wise will be the voting alternates for Eva Bunnell and Robert Dutton (Bryan Lynch after Mr. Dutton's arrival).
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Approval of the minutes
Motion by Mr. Wise, seconded by Mr. Hamsher to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2020 regular zoom meeting, motion passed, vote 6-0.
4. Harbor Masters Report
Ms. Adams provided an update in Mr. Crocker's absence:
 - a) A minor modification to the Thames River Marina Removal permit has been received.
 - b) A public notice was posted in The Day newspaper on August 18, 2020 that the HMC would begin checking moorings in Waterford Waters for valid permits. This task was done on August 7th and August 14. The area of Kidde Beach still needs to be completed.
 - c) Some changes will likely be recommended to the Harbor Master for 2021 applications to add an effective date for Winter mooring stick removal and requesting all owners to use the 4 digits numbers on their mooring balls.
5. Correspondence –
 - a) Attorney Robert Avena obtained legal information on the jurisdictional boundary line in the Niantic River between East Lyme and Waterford. During the recent review of moorings in the Waterford harbor a number of moorings had permits issued by East Lyme.
 - b) The commission received the updated MOU from WELSCO dated 8.1.2020 noting the boundary revisions for the open and seasonally conditional shellfishing areas. Mr. Wise is a member of WELSCO and agreed to obtain clarification on page 14 Section 8E regarding commercial shellfishing.
6. Applications -
 - a) A license was approved for the dock on 17 Riverside Drive; no action by the commission.

Mr. Dutton arrived at the meeting at 5:15 pm.

7. Old Business –

a) Mr. Fine will contact Tighe Bound regarding the GIS mapping performed last year for the HMC. The changes include the formatting of longitude and latitude, background color, providing a link to the GIS maps from the HMC web page website and updating of the WELSCO shellfishing maps.

b) Mr. Wise previously presented a discussion paper suggesting the establishment of mooring fields and identified 3 potential. Ms. Adams requested that Commissioners provide her with the questions/issues that they believe would need to be addressed in considering a mooring field and the potential relocation of certain moorings. Discussion will continue at a future meeting. The Harbor Master would have to approve the creation of a mooring field.

8. New Business –

a) The Harbor Management Office at the Waterford Police Department will be moved soon to another location within the Police station.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon motion by Mr. Hamsher, seconded by Mr. DeRosa, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Tinker
Recording Secretary