

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT MEETING ROOM
November 17, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Robert Blinderman, Eleanor Mariani, Carlton Saari, and Brian Sullivan; Murray J. Pendleton, Harbor Master

Absent: Commissioners Robert Dutton, James Hamsher, and Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chief Pendleton at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Minutes of the September 10, 2009 Regular Meeting**
A motion was made by Mr. Saari and seconded by Ms. Mariani to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 Regular Meeting as presented. The vote was 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Mr. Blinderman).

3. **Decals for 2010 Moorings**
Brief discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Blinderman and unanimously voted to purchase the same number of decals as last year and for the year 2010, the color will be bright green.

4. **Correspondence**
 - a. D.E.P. Notice of Tentative Determination #200903054-MG, 6 Reed Avenue
 - b. D.E.P. Notice of Tentative Determination #200902492-DL, 164 Niantic River Road
 - c. D.E.P. Permit #200902681-MG, 96A Niantic River Road
 - d. D.E.P. Permit #200800217-SB, 74 Scotch Cap Road
 - e. D.E.P. Water Quality Certificate #200600029-MG, improvements to Amtrak railroad bridge
 - f. E-mail dated 10/02/09 re: Stratford Waterfront Board Wins Honor
 - g. Waterford Shellfish Commission information
 - h. Town of Waterford: 2010 Legal Holidays

Discussion was held regarding the Amtrak railroad bridge project. Ms. Mariani mentioned that she attends meetings of the Movable Bridge Committee; Mr. Blinderman commented he would be interested in attending also. Mention was made that Amtrak will be using stimulus money and will be working within a tight time schedule.

Discussion was also held about the article on the Stratford Waterfront Board, with Chief Pendleton commenting that Waterford has done similar good things. He suggested everyone read the Stratford information thoroughly and come back to our next meeting with thoughts on what we might want to set as our goals.

5. Annual Report, FY 08/09

The draft FY 08/09 Waterford Harbor Management Commission Annual Report was presented to the Commissioners for their review and approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Saari, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously voted to approve and submit to the Town of Waterford the FY 08/09 Waterford Harbor Management Commission Annual Report.

6. Meeting Schedule for 2010

The 2010 meeting schedule was presented to the Commissioners for their review and approval. Consensus was that meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Waterford Police Department, except there will be no meeting in November, as the second Thursday falls on Veterans Day.

7. Shellfish Commission Liaison's Report

No report.

8. Harbor Master's Report

Chief Pendleton stated the online mooring process is continuing. He commented that within the next week or two he will be organizing the removal of unauthorized moorings and intends on splitting the work up between a few local vendors. Jaxon Vibber of F.I.S. Marine stated that he and his barge will be on the Niantic River during the week of November 23rd and he will forward a proposal via e-mail to the Chief's Office for removal of moorings.

9. Commercial Moorings

Excerpts from the Town Code of Ordinances Section 2.82.100, Waterways Regulations, were distributed to the Commission members. Included in the excerpts were the definitions of, and regulations pertaining to, Commercial Moorings. Discussion ensued, and consensus was as follows:

- There is a need to agree on the definition of commercial moorings
- There is a need to clearly understand where the allowable commercial mooring areas are
- There will be a need to notify mooring permit holders who are at issue
- There is a need to know what role DEP plays in allocating commercial mooring areas

Mr. Sullivan reviewed the history of commercial mooring areas dating back to the 1950's. Chief Pendleton commented that the maps we have (Appendix D of the Waterford Harbor Management Plan) are the last official interpretation he has regarding commercial mooring areas.

Consensus was that a subcommittee comprised of Brian Sullivan, Bob Blinderman, Chief Pendleton, and possibly Planning Director Tom Wagner will meet for the purpose of defining commercial mooring areas more clearly.

10. Waterways Regulations

Chief Pendleton reviewed the August 17, 2009 correspondence sent to the DEP Boating Division with the revised Waterways Regulations. He then reviewed the September 25, 2009 correspondence received from Timothy Delgado, Regulatory Unit, CTDEP – Boating Division, stating that “The Boating Division acknowledges that the current version contains all of the changes requested by the Commissioner in June 2007, therefore the Boating Division will recommend approval of these ordinances if passed in their current form. However, should additional changes be contemplated, DEP believes that Article II, Section 5, Waterskiing, could be improved. This section references areas where waterskiing is permitted to a separate map. DEP believes it is better to provide written descriptions of such areas in this section, rather than refer to a separate map. Such descriptions, when keyed to permanent and immovable visual references for the boater, are very useful in aiding boaters and law enforcement in identifying their location for the sake of determining compliance.....”

Brief discussion was held and consensus was that the next time changes are contemplated, the Commission will address the waterskiing issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Saari, seconded by Mr. Sullivan and unanimously voted to send the revised Waterways Regulations to the RTM for adoption and then back to DEP for final approval as required.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously voted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy A. Kent
Recording Secretary