

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 9, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert DeRosa, Robert Dutton, Philip Fine, James Hamsher, and Carlton Saari; Police Lieutenant David Burton, Harbor Master; and Richard Miller, Deputy Harbor Master

Absent: None

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Adams, at 5:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Minutes of the May 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. DeRosa and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting as presented.

3. Correspondence – None.

4. Shellfish Commission Liaison

Mr. Miller reported that the Waterford Shellfish area is closed due to rain. They will be checking into stock available for seeding.

5. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Burton was present and discussed the following items:

- a. 05/16/16 Letter from Attorney Mark Balaban, on behalf of his clients Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Records, requesting new measurements be taken on the Waterford side of the river to determine whether or not the additional moorings which have been installed near 15 Bella Vista Street in Quaker Hill are within the waterways under the control of the Waterford Harbor Management Commission.

Harbor Master Burton summarized his activities regarding this issue. Consensus of the Commission was to obtain the Town Attorney's opinion regarding this matter.

- b. Copy of the 05/17/16 Board of Selectmen's minutes, approving the reassignment of Asset #100180, Yamaha Outboard Motor, from the Police Commission to the Harbor Management Commission.
- c. Copy of the 05/17/16 Board of Selectmen's minutes, approving a request from Harbor Master Burton to surplus Asset #100141 (Boat Trailer) and Asset #100180 (Yamaha Outboard Motor).

Now that the 1998 Parker boat, with trailer and motor, have all been officially assigned to the Harbor Management Commission and approved for surplus, Harbor Master Burton will work with the Town's Purchasing Agent to get the items auctioned or sold.

5. Harbor Master (cont'd.)

- d. Copy of Harbor Master Burton's response to PZC request for comments on Construction of Pier, 3 River Street (Mago Point).

Harbor Master Burton stated he reviewed the plans and responded on behalf of the Commission as follows: "The Mago Point proposal for improvement was previously reviewed at a Harbor Management (regularly) scheduled meeting. Permit information does not contain new information which would require additional consideration".

- e. 05/25/16 email from Catherine Ducey requesting information on the possibility of dredging Jordan Cove, answered on 05/26/16 by Harbor Master Burton.
- f. 05/26/16 email from Harbor Master Burton to Joseph Salvatore, the dredging coordinator for the State of Connecticut, regarding the need for dredging of Jordan Cove.
- g. Copy of 05/29/16 fraudulent letter purporting to be from Waterford Harbor Management to Mr. Bruce Dixon, from "Mr. Stu Podasso". Brief discussion was held; no action was taken.

6. Applications for review

- a. Review, for consistency with the Harbor Management Plan, an aquaculture proposal involving the Niantic River. (Tabled at the 05/12/16 meeting)
- b. 05/25/16 transmittal of 05/19/16 email from Richard Miller to WELSCO, regarding the Niantic Bay shellfish farm proposal.
- c. 05/25/16 transmittal (by Rich Miller) of email string (Tim Londregan, Paddy Kelly, and Richard Miller).

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to take this item (Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm proposal) from the table for the purpose of discussion.

Ms. Adams briefly summarized, stating that Tim Londregan has been in ongoing discussions with the shellfish commission(s) regarding his proposal for a Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. He came to the Harbor Management Commission to present his proposal, hoping to hear that the proposal is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Discussion was held and consensus of the Commission was that until the Shellfish Commissions approve the proposal, the Harbor Management Commission will not know what area of the water or river bottom is to be used. Also discussed was the fact that Smith Cove might be a good option for Mr. Londregan's proposal.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously voted to lay this item (Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm proposal) back on the table for future consideration.

7. Harbor Management Plan

- a. Third revision (dated 06/03/16) of DRAFT proposed changes to the Harbor Management Plan, for review and consideration by the Commission.

Deputy Harbor Master Miller reviewed questions and comments he had regarding the proposed changes to the Harbor Management Plan. His questions were answered and his comments were recognized and taken into consideration. The Recording Secretary will research the Commission's minutes for past discussion regarding the line between Waterford and East Lyme.

Proposed language regarding new structures being built on parcels of property that fail to comply with the minimum lot size specified in the Town of Waterford's Zoning Regulations will be sent to the Town Attorney for review and comment.

8. Mooring Permit Fees

- a. 06/03/16 Letter to RTM Moderator, for signature by HMC Chair Jane Adams.

Consensus of the Commission was that the letter was appropriate. Ms. Adams signed the letter and it will be sent.

9. Old Business – None.

10. New Business – None.

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 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy A. Kent
Recording Secretary