

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

June 11, 2015, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert Dutton, Philip Fine, and Carlton Saari;
Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

Also Present: Police Lieutenant David Burton, Waterford Marine Officer

Absent: Commissioner James Hamsher; Harbor Master Murray J. Pendleton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Adams, at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Minutes of the May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Fine and seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting as presented. The vote was 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Saari).

3. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received and Ms. Adams reviewed it with the Commissioners.

- a. 04/10/15 letter from CT DOT, transmitting a copy of D.E.E.P. Permit Application for the replacement of the US Route 1 Bridge over the Niantic River between the towns of East Lyme and Waterford, CT.
- b. 05/14/15 Transmittal of D.E.E.P. Permit #201409674-MG issued to Mark Anhalt, 33 Oswegatchie Road, Waterford, for construction of a fixed pier, boatlift and personal watercraft lift for private recreational boating use.
- c. 05/28/15 Transmittal of D.E.E.P. Water Quality Certificate #201401169 issued to AMTRAK, to conduct repairs to existing abutments and slope protection for infrastructure of Bridge No. MP 118.92 over Jordan Cove, Waterford.
- d. 06/06/15 D.E.E.P. Certificate of Permission Application Form, from Nathan Seifert on behalf of Bernard Ekstrom, to repair an existing dock at 178 Niantic River Road, Waterford.

4. Shellfish Commission Liaison's Report

Mr. Miller reported that the Waterford Shellfish Commission is actively pursuing a restock of 80 to 120 bags; if they are able to move forward with this, they will close an area for a certain period of time. He reported that he's hearing good things about the scallops in the Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission area, so maybe there will be a good scallop season this year.

5. Harbor Master's Report

- a. 05/29/15 Letter from Murray J. Pendleton, Chief of Police, Waterford Harbor Master to Governor Dannel P. Malloy, tendering his resignation as Harbor Master and authorizing Police Lieutenant David Burton, the Town of Waterford's Marine Officer, to act on his behalf in matters pertaining to duties of the Harbor Master until such time as a new Harbor Master is appointed.

The Commissioners expressed their gratitude for Chief Pendleton's leadership, expertise, guidance, and perseverance in resurrecting the Harbor Management Commission in the Town of Waterford.

- b. Comments from Police Lieutenant David Burton

Lt. Burton introduced himself and gave a brief synopsis of his experience with marine matters. He has spent 21 years on marine patrol and operates the WPD patrol boat. He has a Safe Boating Certificate, NASBLA certifications, and is in the process of obtaining a commercial 50 ton license and commercial towing license. He is a member of RESF 20, which is the maritime part of emergency management; he has been responsible for writing Port Security Grant applications; and works "hand in hand" with representatives of the USCG and DEEP.

Lt. Burton presented, for the purpose of discussion, a quote in the amount of approximately \$2,600.00 from Port Niantic to repair the Harbor Master/Harbor Management boat. Lt. Burton stated that might be on the high side and he will obtain a quote from at least one other business. Discussion was held regarding options, and consensus was that the repairs are necessary.

Brief discussion was held regarding the MOU/letter of agreement between Waterford and East Lyme for use of the Harbor Master/Harbor Management Boat and the sharing of expenses. A copy of the agreement will be provided at the next Harbor Management meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Saari and unanimously voted to authorize Lt. Burton to proceed with comparing quotes for repair of the boat and authorize the expenditure of Waterford HMC funds (not to exceed a total of \$2,600.00) with the understanding that East Lyme agrees to reimburse Waterford HMC an amount equal to 50% of the cost of repairs.

Lt. Burton reported that he helped the East Lyme Harbor Master write a grant application for a small harbormaster boat (regional). At the next New London Marine Group meeting, he may be able to find out where the application ranks, and he should know by July or August whether East Lyme's grant application is approved or not.

- 6. Applications for review – None.**

7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business

- a. Consider and act on nominating a new Harbor Master.

The Town of Waterford's Harbor Management Plan states that "The Commission shall nominate three names to the Governor for recommendation to the office of Harbor Master, who shall be appointed by the Governor, in accordance with Section 15-1 of the General Statutes. The Commission shall nominate those with an appropriate marine background, which may include, but is not limited to, United States Naval, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marine experience, ten years of recreational boating experience in the local waters of the town, five years experience in commercial fishing or commercial recreational boating, or five years of work experience in any appropriate regulatory, scientific or engineering field related to marine waters. All nominees shall possess either a safe boating certificate issued by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or a United States Coast Guard vessel operator license as required of boat operators by Section 15-140e of the General Statutes."

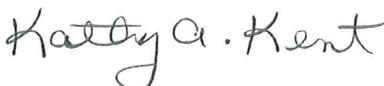
Ms. Adams stated that Lt. David Burton – who is Waterford's Marine Officer – has agreed to have his name submitted and is a candidate highly recommended. Consensus of the Commission members and Deputy Harbor Master Miller was that they would support the appointment of Lt. David Burton as Harbor Master. However, the Commission still needs to nominate two additional people that meet the characteristics outlined in the Plan. Discussion was held regarding possible nominees, and consensus was to have Ms. Adams decide which of the possible nominees to put forth to the Governor for consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Saari and unanimously voted to authorize Ms. Adams to write to the Governor as soon as possible, nominating Lt. David Burton, and two other nominees of Ms. Adams choosing, for appointment as Waterford's Harbor Master.

9. 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 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy A. Kent
Recording Secretary