

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
August 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert Dutton, James Hamsher and Carlton Saari.

Also Present: Police Lieutenant David Burton, Waterford Marine Officer

Absent: Commissioner Philip Fine; Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

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 July 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton and seconded by Mr. Saari to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting as presented. The vote was 3 in favor, 1 abstention (Hamsher).

3. Correspondence

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

- a. 07/10/15 correspondence from Governor Dannel P. Malloy, accepting the resignation of Murray J. Pendleton as Waterford Harbor Master.
- b. 08/04/15 Transmittal of D.E.E.P. Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve Application No. 201503483-MG submitted by CT DOT for a water quality certificate and permit to remove and replace an existing vehicular bridge (US Route 1 Bridge over the Niantic River, East Lyme and Waterford).

4. Shellfish Commission Liaison's Report – None.

5. Harbor Master's Report

Lt. Burton commented that the unauthorized, moored green trawler is in East Lyme's jurisdiction; he will notify the EL Harbor Master. He discussed a white sailboat on an anchor line between two moorings; there was no identifying information on the sailboat, so he put a note on the hatch telling the owner to call the Harbor Master. He discussed the need for an official warning notice/sticker to be placed on unauthorized transient vessels. According to the Harbor Management Plan, there is only one area for transient moorings in the Niantic River, and they are only allowed to be there for three (3) days. Also discussed was the need for a dedicated phone line for Harbor Management and more signage about "no wake" zones. Consensus of the Commission was to explore the cost of getting a dedicated phone line for Harbor Management and authorize Lt. Burton to develop and order a warning sticker/notice to be placed on transient vessels. Lt. Burton mentioned a complaint from someone who lives on Bella Vista regarding the number of boats moored in the area of the Marina. The area is partly under the jurisdiction of Waterford and partly under the jurisdiction of New London. Lt. Burton will speak with the New London Harbor Master.

5. Harbor Master's Report (cont'd.)

Lt. Burton commented on the plans for revitalizing the Mago Point area. Lt. Burton mentioned that the grant award notice for the regional Harbor Management boat has not been sent out yet, but the grant has been awarded to East Lyme. He discussed the boat itself, a 24 ft. Zodiac with twin 225 HP engines. The language of the MOA between Waterford and East Lyme will need to be changed at the appropriate time. He mentioned having spoken with Waterford's Finance Director about the possibility of auctioning the 1998 Parker Boat and dedicating the proceeds to the Harbor Management Fund. Lt. Burton left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

6. Applications for review – None.

7. Old Business

a. Harbor Master/Harbor Management boat

The Board of Selectmen voted on July 28, 2015 to reassign the 1998 Parker 23' Boat and the Boat Trailer (Plate 132 WFD) to the Harbor Management Commission. These items will be moved to the Harbor Management Commission fixed asset list.

b. "Welcome to Niantic River" sign

There was no need to contribute any money toward the installation of the sign. The HMC recording secretary coordinated getting SignCraft and Amtrak together to get the sign installed, which was accomplished. On 08/11/15, David Rezendes from Amtrak called to say the sign has been installed.

c. Revisions to Mooring Application package

Draft revisions were reviewed by the Commissioners. A section has been added to the acknowledgement form as follows:

- You are responsible for removing your ground tackle if you are not renewing your mooring permit.
- If your ground tackle becomes "lost", you are responsible for hiring a certified diver to search for the lost equipment and provide a signed statement to the Harbor Master, attesting to the details of the search. You will not receive a new mooring permit until such search is performed and signed statement is received.

A motion was made by Mr. Hamsher, seconded by Mr. Saari and unanimously voted to include these revisions in the Mooring Application package effective 01/01/16.

8. New Business – None.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy A. Kent
Recording Secretary