

**MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT
January 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert Dutton, Philip Fine and Carlton Saari;
Harbor Master Murray J. Pendleton

Absent: Commissioner 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. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Ms. Adams, seconded by Mr. Fine and unanimously voted to move agenda item #6 to the beginning of the meeting. (#6 will appear in chronological order for the purpose of these minutes).

2. Minutes of the September 11, 2014 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Fine and unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 meeting as presented.

3. Correspondence

- a. 09/17/14 D.E.E.P. transmittal of Permit #201403955-MG, (Records, 15 Bella Vista Street) to construct a fixed pier, ramp and floating dock for private recreational boating use.
- b. 10/01/14 D.E.E.P. transmittal of Permit #201405472-MG (Mingrone, 19 Best View Road) to construct a fixed pier, ramp and floating dock for private recreational boating use.
- c. 10/15/14 "Memo to File" from Chief Pendleton regarding docks at the end of Scotch Cap Road, with attached quote from Shoreline Diving out of Noank. Chief Pendleton commented that this is a "work in progress".
- d. 10/15/14 Invoice from Port Niantic Inc., sent to Finance on 12/10/14 for payment in the amount of \$500.00, for the Winter Storage (11/01/14 – 04/30/15) License Agreement for the Harbor Management boat.
- e. 10/20/14 memo from Human Resources re: 2015 Legal Holidays
- f. 10/27/14 D.E.E.P. transmittal of Permit #201404768-MG (Gary Smith, Peppermint Ridge LLC, 1 First Street (Mago Point) to remove existing structures and install new structures for recreational boating use.
- g. 11/13/14 D.E.E.P. transmittal of Registration #201406954-MG, 13 Park Drive (Barry Armstrong) for swim float under General Permit No. DEP-LIS-GP-007. Chief Pendleton will call DEEP and OLISP about this approval.

4. Shellfish Commission Liaison's Report – None.

5. Harbor Master's Report

a. Recovery of lost or abandoned moorings

Chief Pendleton commented that there have been a number of people who continued to pay their annual fee for a mooring permit, but have lost the physical mooring and therefore did not have it inspected. There are also a number of people who have abandoned their moorings - there's no buoy attached, they don't know where the physical mooring is, and they aren't paying the annual fee for a mooring permit. Some of these people now want to obtain a new mooring permit. Chief Pendleton's opinion is that if someone has had a mooring and "lost" it, they can't have a new one until they have made a good effort to find the one they've lost. They should have a certified diver or an approved mooring inspector perform the search and provide documentation signed by that person, attesting to the details of the search. Discussion was held and consensus was that the Commissioners agreed with Chief Pendleton.

Chief Pendleton mentioned he recently attended a conference and discovered a drone-like machine that has the capability of going underwater and "seeing" what's down there. He asked the Commission to consider purchasing something like this, possibly splitting the cost with East Lyme; then we would have the capability of looking for abandoned moorings or other potentially dangerous objects under water.

Brief discussion was held regarding the fact that "pulley pole systems" need to be inspected every three years. Once they fail inspection, they must be removed and will not be allowed to be re-established.

6. Applications for review

- a. DEEP Permit Application, transmitted on 12/30/14 by Gerwick Mereen LLC on behalf of their clients James and Kathy Barnard, for construction of a 4' x 21' fixed pier attached to a 3' x 23' ramp followed by an 8' x 20' float with float stops at 182 Niantic River Road.

Mr. Robert Conigliaro from Gerwick Mereen LLC was present and he reviewed the application for the Commissioners. The project is east of Sandy Point, south of Keeney Cove. The structures (piers/docks) on either side of the subject property are DEEP permitted. The piles are to be driven, if possible, and if not possible they will be pinned to ledge. Water and electricity are to be supplied to the dock. The fixed pier measures 6' above the rocky beach at mean high tide, for pedestrian access. A "ships ladder" will extend from the fixed portion of the pier to the rocky beach. Further discussion took place, and questions were asked and answered.

Chief Pendleton expressed concerns about the steepness of the ladder and will contact the building department to see if it meets appropriate codes.

A motion was made by Mr. Fine, seconded by Mr. Saari and unanimously voted to find that the work described in the application and attachments is consistent with the Waterford Harbor Management Plan.

6. Applications for review (cont'd.)

- b. Coastal Area Management site plan and Planning & Zoning application, transmitted on 01/06/15 by Docko, Inc. on behalf of their client, Mr. Manly Church, for the establishment of living shoreline armor protection of a severely damaged coastal escarpment at 26 Jordan Cove Road.

Mr. Keith Nielsen from Docko, Inc. was present and he reviewed the application for the Commissioners. This project is being proposed in order to rectify severe storm damage to the coastal escarpment in the northwest corner of Jordan Cove. The property owner is concerned about the damage and originally wanted to erect a seawall, but Mr. Nielsen advised him it was probably not approvable and consideration should be given to a living shoreline armor. The plan would be to excavate the damaged area, dig down to mean low tide, bury large rocks, form a solid mat of stone and boulders with crushed stone and gravel and topsoil, all blended into a transitional strata. Vegetation will be native dune-type grasses; jute mesh will be installed on top of a couple inches of mulch and stapled down into gravel. This method has been utilized successfully in Old Saybrook on a steeper slope of 2:1. This project is a 3:1 slope, which is more tolerable from a maintenance standpoint. This proposal will need Planning and Zoning Commission approval because it's a Coastal Area Management (CAM) site plan. Mr. Nielsen wanted to make the Harbor Management Commission aware of the project, and the fact that the objective is to not let any more erosion take place.

A motion was made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Saari and unanimously voted to find that this proposal appears to be a reasonable method to stabilize erosion while creating a living shoreline and is not adverse to any of the principles and objectives of the Harbor Management Plan.

7. Old Business – None.

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 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kathy A. Kent
Recording Secretary