

**MINUTES  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERFORD TOWN HALL-APPLEBY ROOM  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Commissioners Jane Adams, Robert DeRosa, Robert Dutton, James Hamsher, Brian Lynch, Philip Fine, Eva Bunnell and Fred Wise (alternate) and Harbor Master David Crocker

Absent: Greg Crocker (alternate) and Deputy Harbor Master Richard Miller

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm and quorum established.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Approval of the minutes  
Motion by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Lynch to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 regular meeting, motion passed, vote 7-0.
4. Harbor Masters Report
  - a) The boat is running well. The electronics upgrade is completed and was under warranty. A new camera was installed and a bill for labor will be forthcoming.
  - b) The orange stickering process for removal of abandoned or non-renewed moorings/pulley poles is ongoing; more stickers were ordered. The Harbor Master had two moorings removed from Smith Cove on the Thames.
5. Correspondence - None
6. Applications -
  - a) The DEEP COP for 74 Scotch Cap Road--Removal of derelict floating docks was discussed; no action by the commission was warranted.
7. Old Business
  - a) An update was received on the LIS Blue Plan; no comment was made. Harbor Master Crocker noted the comment period is closed and further requests would need to be made to a legislative body for consideration/approval.
  - b) Commissioners reviewed the response received on the Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm Bay Point lease application. The application was approved by the Waterford Shellfish Commission in September 2018. The Waterford Harbor Management Commission noted in their response October 2018 review of the application that certain information was missing or incomplete. The Waterford Harbor Management Commission received a written response sent to the Waterford Board of Selectman that did include updated maps and a reduction in the size of the proposed lease area. The Commission agreed that many concerns are still unanswered. It was noted that Waterford has not entered into any leases of the harbor that involve Type II aquaculture gear and that this lease would be precedential.

Motion by Mr. DeRosa, seconded by Mr. Fine authorizing Chair Adams to write and issue a response stating the Waterford Harbor Management Commission cannot determine that the Niantic Shellfish Farm Bay Point Lease application is consistent with the approved 2013 Waterford Harbor Management Plan, all in favor, motion passed, vote 7-0.

Motion by Mr. DeRosa, seconded by Mr. Dutton authorizing Chair Adams to write to Daniel Steward, First Selectman, and the Board of Selectmen recommending the creation of a limited-term, special advisory task force comprised of key community stakeholders to develop standards, guidelines, and best practices relating to Type II aquaculture leases in the Waterford harbor, all in favor, motion passed, vote 7-0.

8. New Business –

a) Pulley Pole regulations were discussed and it was agreed length of vessel, engine size, structure specifications should be included in the criteria for approval of new pulley poles, noting that the Harbor Master would have to approve any application is the current practice with all moorings. Motion by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Fine to approve Pulley Poles as new mooring systems when they meet specified criteria, all in favor, motion passed, vote 7-0.

Eva Bunnell exited the meeting at 6:05 pm; Fred Wise (alternate) was identified as a voting member.

b) The Niantic River Watershed Committee is updating their management plan and looking for commission representatives to attend workshops. Mr. Dutton and Mr. Wise were interested in participating in this effort. Messrs. Fine, DeRosa, Hamsher, and Lynch also expressed interest in attending the planned Workshop. Chair Adams will contact Ms. Rondeau of the Niantic River Watershed with the names of participating commissioners.

c) Commissioners discussed a change of meeting night in 2020.

Harbor Master Crocker exited the meeting at 6:15 pm.

9. Public Input

*Mr. Donatello of Waterford*- inquired on the new pulley poles application.

*Mr. Deane of Waterford*- suggested consulting with other harbor management commissions on pulley poles.

*Mrs. Fratus of Waterford* – expressed concern with the potential solar energy farms being detrimental to the river.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, and upon motion by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Dutton, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Tinker  
Recording Secretary