



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

APPROVED AMENDED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 22, 2019
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Bruce Lawrence, Former Harbormaster Ex Officio Member; Bill Angelini, Bob Charrette, Evan Cusson, Lee McNamar, Gary Nolf, Ronny Stevenson and Andy Calderoni

Excused Absence:

Tom Fahey

Guest: Howard “Bud” Kane

Call to order: J. Rie called the meeting to order and led the “Pledge of Allegiance” at 6:00 p.m.

Bills to be paid:

Motion to pay Beebe Dock & Mooring Systems, LLC Invoice #4568 for \$1,025.00 for removal and winterization was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Recording Clerk Kathy King \$102.06 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Fast Signs Invoice #9692 for \$375.00 for 150, 5” x 8” self-adhesive mooring stickers was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Minutes: November 27, 2018

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 27, 2018 as presented was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by B. Charrette. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Chairman’s Report:

J. Rie submitted a budget request for \$12,200.00 which includes a stipend for the Harbormaster. The BOS has agreed to support it. He reduced equipment and maintenance by \$500.00 and instead would like to use that \$500.00 for a cell phone for the Harbormaster.

J. Rie said there was a request by Docko to come in to talk with the Harbor Management Commission about a dock. He stated that the Commission needed to see that the drawings comply with the harbor lines before the plans come before the HMC for their review. There have been no exceptions to the harbor lines below the bridge up until this point. They are now in GIS format on the town web site. The dock was outside the harbor lines, but the boat would be within them.

DEEP is concerned about the timing of dredging and fish migration, and still negotiating with the Army Corps of Engineers. First Selectman Noel Bishop is going to follow up on this if the dredging permit is not issued soon.

Harbormaster's Report:

B. Lawrence has sent the bills out for the Patchogue Moorings.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

1. Dock Application – Paul Cusson 625 Boston Post Road, LLC

J. Rie and E. Cusson are recusing themselves from this application.

Motion to have G. Nolf lead the discussion for the Dock application was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by L. McNamar. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Keith Neilson, P.E. with Docko, Inc. presented. At this time, there are encroachments by various finger piers. They would like to dig back into the site, put in a new floating dock system with a series of finger piers and a bulkhead system with everything being landward of the harbor line and channel. This provides much more room by digging back into the site. It will conform with existing standards. Everything will be *over* 10 feet outside the *channel* lines, as required by the Harbor Management Plan in that area.

Motion was made to accept the dock plan as proposed for Paul Cusson, 625 Boston Post Road, LLC by B. Charrette; seconded by B. Angelini. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

2. Beach Moorings – Plan for processing renewals

B. Angelini had the mooring stickers printed. They are green with black print. He brought them to the meeting. All that needs to be done now is to purchase quality zip

ties. B. Lawrence suggested setting up a meeting time on a Thursday evening for people to register their moorings and get their stickers. Commission members thought they could hold registration times one night in March and one night in April. A. Calderoni suggested a mailing be done for mooring holders as well.

J. Rie will update the mooring application on the town web site to add emails and cell phone numbers, so people can be contacted with mooring registration reminders by email and text.

Another idea is to set up a room here in town hall so the Harbormaster can have regular office hours.

3. Patchogue River Moorings – Plan for processing renewals, mooring holder list and waiting list

B. Lawrence does not have any paid mooring holders yet because the bills just went out. He said he has one mooring left. He will talk with Dave Russell who knows of someone who is looking for a mooring to be sure the mooring is the appropriate size for the boat.

J. Rie asked B. Lawrence to send him a list of people who currently hold Patchogue River mooring permits along with their locations in the mooring field.

4. Election of Officers

Motion to nominate J. Rie as Chairman was made by E. Cusson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to nominate E. Cusson as Vice Chairman was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

5. Harbormaster Position – Meeting with candidate Harry Plaut, Harbormaster in Old Lyme

Motion to enter executive session at 6:27 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Harry Plaut, Bud Kane, Kathy King and Bruce Lawrence were all invited into Executive Session.

Motion to exit executive session at 7:07 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by B. Angelini. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. was made by G. Nolf; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

J. Rie cannot attend the 2/26/19 HMC Meeting and neither can E. Cusson. G. Nolf offered to run the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King

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Recording Clerk