



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM MAY 25, 2021
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Dean Arktop, Andy Calderoni, Bob Charrette, Gary Nolf, Harry Plaut, Harbormaster; Dave Russell, Assistant Harbormaster and Ron Stevenson (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

Absent: Evan Cusson, Lee McNamar and Tom Fahey

Call to order: J. Rie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the April 27, 2021 Harbor Management Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was made by G. Nolf; seconded by B. Charrette. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Bills:

Harbormaster's Report:

1. Number of shoreline mooring applications received

H. Plaut has issued 15 beach mooring permits. The decals have been sent out. The Town buoys have all been put out. One of the danger rock buoys has disappeared at the far exit of the Harbor. H. Plaut noticed it was missing on Saturday. He's got an extra one to replace it with. H. Plaut has inspected 2 moorings so far.

2. Number of Patchogue River Moorings available

The Patchogue River Moorings are all sold out.

Chairman's Report:

Certificate of Permission (COP) for groin at 29 Pointina has been received from CT DEEP

This is just for Commission review.

Motion to pay Harbormaster Harry Plaut \$1,125.00 for placement of Town moorings. The motion was made by G. Nolf; seconded by A. Calderoni. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

J. Rie explained that there is no more money in the equipment maintenance repair budget. The bill for H. Plaut must be paid out of the mooring maintenance fund. That fund has a balance of \$5,236.55. \$1,424.45 has been spent out of that fund so far this year. That is the fund used for pulling the Patchogue River Moorings every 4 years.

Shoreline Moorings - Discussion/implementation of inspection requirements

J. Rie sent sample mooring tackle inspection reports to the Commission via email.

H. Plaut said it's late in the season to get compliance. He suggested that the Commission should look at setting up an inspection report form and try to get compliance for next season.

H. Plaut does not recommend that people inspect their own moorings. They often don't secure their shackles properly to their chain. The mooring balls are not property labeled. J. Rie suggested requiring photos if mooring owners inspect the moorings themselves.

H. Plaut said that in every other town he works in, the mooring inspection is done by a qualified person. He again suggested developing a form this summer that can be implemented next year.

B. Charrette suggested that the mooring holder should be responsible to have their mooring inspected and signed by a qualified inspector.

J. Rie said if a mooring lets go, it is not the Town's responsibility, it is the mooring holder's responsibility.

H. Plaut said the mooring owners should submit a Certificate of Insurance in case damage is caused by the mooring letting go.

J. Rie suggested tabling this discussion until the 6/22/21 HMC meeting.

Old Business

New Business

E. Cusson, D. Russell, R. Stevenson and H. Plaut will meet during the week, after work, at a low tide to realign the Patchogue River Moorings.

H. Plaut and D. Russell will install the Duck Island Signs after Memorial Day.

D. Russell has ordered 6 No Wake signs. He's asked that the sign company submit the invoice soon so it can be submitted before the end of the fiscal year.

D. Russell will check how shallow the water is near Harry's Marine. J. Rie has contacted the Army Corps of Engineers regarding dredging. He's waiting to hear back. He said it may have to wait until next year. It might be a good idea to get Representative Joe Courtney involved.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. was made by G. Nolf; seconded by B. Charrette. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King
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Recording Clerk