



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM MAY 28, 2019
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Evan Cusson, Vice Chair; Dave Russell, Assistant Harbormaster; Harry Plaut, Harbormaster Ex Officio Member; Tom Fahey, Gary Nolf, Ronny Stevenson and Andy Calderoni

Excused Absences: Bill Angelini, Bob Charrette, Lee McNamar

Guests Present: 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 Olsen Sanitation \$85.00 for the porta potty for April 2019 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the time sheet for Kathleen King for \$77.53 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to approve the bills from Beebe Dock & Mooring Systems, LLC, Invoice #4764 for \$1,025.00 and Invoice #4765 for \$1,174.88 as presented was made by A. Calderoni; seconded by B. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Minutes: April 23, 2019

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 23, 2019 as presented was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Harbormaster’s Report:

H. Plaut submitted 2 transmittal reports for 9 beach mooring applications and 3 Patchogue River mooring applications. He’s received more applications that need to be processed. He distributed

an updated spreadsheet of mooring holders. He said the first evening of mooring registration sign up went well. Seven people attended to register for their moorings. A. Calderoni and J. Rie assisted with mooring holder education and registration.

H. Plaut attended the new police boat commissioning. He also attended a CT DEEP training with J. Rie which went very well.

H. Plaut rode around the coastline of Westbrook in his boat this weekend taking pictures of various moorings in the water. Some of the moorings had no identification, and there was even a mooring marked by a plastic bottle instead of the required white ball with blue stripe.. Over 40 moorings were counted in the water, and none of them were legal. There are a lot of moorings less than 10 feet from shore. He also has concerns about people paddle boarding and kayaking without life jackets especially when the water is still so cold.

J. Rie asked H. Plaut to come up with a list of suggested mooring tackle. A. Calderoni offered to work with H. Plaut on this.

There will be another mooring registration night on Thursday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall, North Conference Room. Information will be posted on the town web site and on the electronic sign in front of Town Hall.

Chairman's Report:

J. Rie reported on the budget. There was discussion about the costs for maintaining the moorings. H. Plaut suggested a check off spreadsheet be set up for each item for each mooring. Then they will have an itemized list of what has been done and what the cost is for each item. There was also discussion about putting the mooring maintenance out to bid. J. Rie will get more information about the proper process for this and report back to the Commission.

Three candidates had to be submitted to the Governor's Office for Harbormaster. E. Cusson and R. Stevenson were put in as the other 2 candidates along with H. Plaut. With 3 official candidates, H. Plaut's appointment as Official Harbormaster will hopefully be processed soon.

1. Dredging -update

J. Rie reported that dredging is scheduled to begin June 1, 2019. J. Rie offered to use his boat for transport if needed. There is a need for transport for 7 VIPs on Thursday.

The buoys that need to be removed for dredging will be removed by H. Plaut. The "no wake" buoys will need to be removed. Then they will be placed in their correct locations.

2. Discussion of Patchogue Moorings – update

J. Rie and A. Calderoni will go out and mark the moorings on Thursday, May 30, 2019. There are 16 total moorings. H. Plaut has a notebook of the Patchogue River maps.

The Patchogue River moorings come up out of the water for maintenance every 4 years. They are due to be pulled at the end of the boating season of 2019.

3. Beach Mooring Discussion – update

Violation stickers will be stuck to the moorings in violation after July 15, 2019. Commissioners will talk next month about what to do about moorings that are in violation after July 15, 2019. They talked about removing the 10 most dangerous moorings before the end of the fiscal year.

Motion to remove the 10 most hazardous moorings by June 30, 2019 at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 was made by T. Fahey; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

4. Harbor Entrance Sign – update

A. Calderoni brought a mockup of the Harbor Entrance Sign. Commissioners all liked it.

Motion to approve the mock-up of the Harbor Entrance Sign presented by A. Calderoni and generated by Computer Signs was made by T. Fahey; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Thursday, May 30, 2019, the current sign will be taken down. The new sign will be installed once it's been completed.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

License information for boat patrol members need to be updated on the town web site.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King
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Recording Clerk