

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the April 10, 2013 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission  
*Approved: 5/8/2013*

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman  
David Cain, Vice-Chairman  
Ed McGuirl, Commissioner  
Chris Brown, Commissioner  
Patrick Bolger, Commissioner  
Larry Eichler, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
Sam Paterson, Harbormaster  
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 13, 2013**

Commissioner Bolger moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 Jamestown Harbor Commission special meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Commissioner Brown moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 regular meeting. Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

**OPEN FORUM**

**Scheduled Requests to Address**

No Scheduled requests to address.

**Non-scheduled Requests to Address**

No Non-Scheduled requests to address.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT**

Executive Director Mello updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the wood pile pier repairs. The material has been purchased and the public works department completed the majority of the decking repairs and Conanicut Marine is in the process of mobilizing their equipment.

The East Ferry boat ramp will be repaired as a change order to the East Ferry seawall repairs. A discussion ensued regarding the amount of square footage was included in the original plans and how many square feet will be in addition to the original project design.

The repairs to some of the Ft. Getty pier pilings have been completed, but there were a few they could not get to. The remaining repairs will be completed by the public works department, when the harbormaster's boat is back in the water. The electrical and the decking repairs have been completed. There were three sets of block tackle at the Ft. Getty out hauls that still need to be installed. The tackle blocks missing from the Ft. Getty out hauls will be installed by public works and the harbormaster.

The Ribcraft harbormaster boat is currently at Snug Harbor for spring commissioning and will be in the water shortly.

The stair tread for West Ferry outfalls has been ordered at a cost of approximately \$4200. Public works will be providing the labor for the project.

**MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET  
2012/2013 MDF YTD Budget**

The Marine Development Fund was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

There were two things noted by the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the budget:

- 1) The line in the infrastructure budget should read "YTD Expenses" actually reads "YTD Revenues."
- 2) The Ft. Wetherill Boat Owners Association lease line item lists \$53,000 as the revenue amount, which is twice the budgeted amount.

**HARBOR CLERK REPORT**

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported the permit renewals have been sent. The number of renewals completed entirely online has increased.

**LIAISON REPORTS  
Planning Commission Liaison**

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

**Town Council Liaison**

There is no Town Council liaison. Chairman deAngeli reported he attended the Town Council meeting to address the council regarding the budget. Specifically, the budget the Jamestown Harbor Commission submitted under protest when the prior Town Council required the Jamestown Harbor Commission pay for half of the East Ferry seawall and Dumpling Drive repairs.

The Town Council stated that there was nothing they could do about it now. The Press reported that, after Chairman deAngeli left the meeting, the council decided they would send correspondence to Chairman deAngeli stating they would revisit the issue. Chairman deAngeli is not in receipt of a letter, at this time.

Commissioner Bolger stated he thought the council is going to schedule a workshop for the Jamestown Harbor Commission to discuss the budget.

**Conservation Commission Liaison**

Conservation Commission Liaison George Souza was absent.

**ONGOING BUSINESS  
Budget**

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

**Facilities**

Commissioner Eichler had nothing to report.

**Mooring Implementation**

Commissioner Cain had nothing to report.

**Harbor Management Ordinance / Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan**

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sav Rebecchi – Rights-of-Ways in the Jamestown Shores**

Mr. Sav Rebecchi addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the lack of access to the Right-of-Ways (ROW's) in the shores neighborhood. Many of the ROW's are groomed to look as if they are extensions of the yards of neighboring property, or used as driveways and to store boats, as shown in the document Mr. Rebecchi made available at the meeting. Other ROW's have fallen trees blocking the path, or are used as a place to dump yard clippings.

A discussion on the 1999 Parking Committee report ensued. Commissioner Bolger was a member of the Parking Committee at the time, and provided insight on the matter, stating the public works department took responsibility for maintaining the ROW's and that CRMC encouraged the ROW's be maintained to allow public access to the water.

Commissioner Bolger stated that Mast and Hull ROW are hard to navigate, but if they are kept clear you can walk them. There has been infringement on Spirketing, Steamboat, Spindrift, have all been confiscated by abutting neighbors.

There was significant opposition, by residents in the shores neighborhood, that the ROW's be maintained for public

access. The neighborhood group did not want notification that there was public access via town ROW's in their neighborhood. The town elected not to put up signage.

Commissioner Bolger stated that, as a minimum, the Jamestown Harbor Commission should ensure the thirteen designated ROW's open and clear for public use. If there are infringements, we (Jamestown Harbor Commission) should ask the town to send letters to the abutters who are impeding the ROW's and ask that they be cleared. It is an obligation we have to let people use them. Many of the ROW's are accessible, but we don't do anything to keep them open to the public.

Mr. Rebecchi is asking the Jamestown Harbor Commission to notify the people that are impeding public use of the ROW's to clear the path for public access.

A discussion on how to remedy the issues ensued.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this is a complicated issue and it will need to be addressed in stages. Executive Director Chief Mello will touch base with Mike (Gray) and the public works departments to see which areas have been addressed and which ones need attention.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence submitted to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

#### **OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED**

There was no continued Open Forum.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin  
*Harbor Clerk*