

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 8, 2013 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission  
*Approved: 6/19/2013*

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, May 8, 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  
Chris Brown, Commissioner  
Patrick Bolger, Commissioner  
Larry Eichler, Commissioner  
William Harsch, Commissioner  
Ed McGuirl, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison  
Sam Paterson, Harbormaster  
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
March 13, 2013**

Commissioner Bolger moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2013 Jamestown Harbor Commission special meeting. Commissioner Brown seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Harsch)).

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

**OPEN FORUM  
Scheduled Requests to Address**

No Scheduled requests to address.

**Non-scheduled Requests to Address**

Sav Rebecchi updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the condition of the ROW's in the shores.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT**

Executive Director Chief Mello stated the Town Council has decided to conduct an assessment of the ROW's around the island and intend to develop a commission to determine how to manage the ROW's.

A discussion on ROW's ensued.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that East Ferry Wood Pile Pier repair project is still underway and the West Ferry outhaul stair treads have arrived and will be replaced very soon.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated the Commercial mooring operators will no longer be required to apply the mooring permit sticker to their mooring balls. This does not affect private permit holders, who will still be required to apply their stickers to their mooring balls each year.

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

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

**HARBOR CLERK REPORT**

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported the total number of mooring permits renewed has increased from 337 to 406 and the season is off to a good start.

**HARBORMASTER REPORT**

Harbormaster Paterson reported ten new private permits have been issued; five in East Ferry and five in West Ferry. There have also been eight new commercial permits issued to Dutch Harbor Boat Yard.

**LIAISON REPORTS**

**Planning Commission Liaison**

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

**Town Council Liaison**

Town Council Liaison seat is vacant.

**Conservation Commission Liaison**

Conservation Commission Liaison George Souza had nothing to report.

**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 moved to move up Items 13(B) and 14(B), Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Harbor Management Ordinance/Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan**

**I. Establish a limit on the number of beach permits at each location**

**II. Establish criteria for "certified" mooring inspectors on the Installer/Inspector list**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**B. CRMC – HMO/CHMP interim one year approval; 4-15-2013**

Chairman deAngeli announced that CRMC (Coastal Resources Management Council) has issued an interim approval of the Harbor Management Ordinance and Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan based on the proposed changes.

A discussion on abandoned vessel language ensued.

A discussion on Conservation Zones and motorized vessels ensued.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appeal – Mr. Richard Pruell; 4-8-2013**

Mr. Richard Pruell addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his request for an additional year Grace Period in order to continue his search for a new vessel. His prior vessel was lost in *Irene*.

Commissioner Cain moved to approve the appeal, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

**NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Harbor Management Ordinance/Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan**

**I. Establish a limit on the number of beach permits at each location**

Executive Director Chief Mello requested the Jamestown Harbor Commission determine a maximum number of permits to issue at each of the beach locations, so as to not impede beach access by having too many vessels permitted for beach storage.

Chairman deAngeli stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission will re-address in July or August, so the Jamestown Harbor Commission will have as much information as possible to determine reasonable limits.

**II. Establish criteria for “certified” mooring inspectors on the Installer/Inspector list**

Chairman deAngeli stated it would be helpful to canvas other communities to see how they determine the qualifications for a “certified” mooring inspector. The Jamestown Harbor Commission will re-address this issue once additional information is available.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Request for Appeal – Mr. Richard Pruell; 4-8-2013**

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept Correspondence items 14(A), Commissioner Brown seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

**C. CRMC – Public Notice – Adam Silkes aquaculture application; 4-22-2013**

Harbormaster Paterson stated there is no conflict with Adam Silks aquaculture application.

Commissioner Brown moved to accept Correspondence item 14(c), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

**OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED**

A discussion on the expansion plans for Conanicut Marine ensued.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated there may be a potential impact on private moorings. Executive Director Chief Mello stated he requested a map be made with the project plans overlaid the moorings in the area so everyone is well informed before any decisions are made.

Commissioner Bolger asked if the Ft. Getty pier evaluation has been done.

Harbormaster Paterson stated he will do the video evaluation as soon as the water warms up a bit.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted; (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin  
*Harbor Clerk*