



JAMESTOWN HARBOR OFFICE
TOWN HALL
93 NARRAGANSETT AVENUE
JAMESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02835

Phone 401.423.7262
Fax 401.423.7229

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the November 12, 2015 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 12/9/2015

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, November 12, 2015 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman
Bruce Dickinson, Commissioner
Joseph McGrady, Commissioner
William Harsch, Commissioner
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner

Absent:

Ed McGuirl, Vice-Chairman
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
John Recca, Assistant Harbormaster
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. September 9, 2015

Vice-Chairman McGuirl moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner Dickinson seconded. So voted (4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Harsch)).

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

No Scheduled requests to address.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address

No Non-Scheduled requests to address.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT

Executive Director Mello stated there is not a lot of activity at this time and the boats are in storage for the winter. The Eastern vessel's lower unit needs replaced and both the motor and boat are from 1990. It is not best platform for the harbormasters to work from.

We have started to explore options and research and have identified manufacturers that have purpose-built vessels available. We have been putting aside money in the boat capitalization fund for this reason, knowing the Eastern would not last much longer. We will still need to go through the normal procurement process, but are ready to move forward. There is approximately \$90,000 in the boat capitalization account. The Ribcraft cost approximately \$98,000 brand new seven or nine years ago. We are probably going to be in the range of \$110,000 to \$120,000 to purchase something similar to the Ribcraft.

Executive Director Mello stated he wanted to discuss this with Jamestown Harbor Commission and to solicit feedback on process before moving forward.

Chairman Cain questioned if this purchase would deplete our reserve fund and, if so, he is curious as to longevity to the rib.

Executive Director Mello stated that the Ribcraft has life in it and the motor needs work but is only 3 yrs old and he is not anticipating discussing a new motor for a few years. It will be at least a decade before we need to replace the vessel. We will need upgrades and a replacement of the bladder potentially, but it has significant time left as a useful vessel.

A discussion ensued.

Chairman Cain asked Executive Director Mello if he is looking for approval to initiate bid process.

Executive Director Mello stated yes, he is asking for the Jamestown Harbor Commission to vote on moving forward with the bid process.

Chairman Cain moved to grant Chief Mello the authority to go ahead with bid process for a new Harbormaster vessel, Commissioner Harsch seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

V. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2014/2015 MDF YTD Budget

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

Commissioner Harsch moved to accept the report, Commissioner Kurz seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

VI. HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin had nothing to report.

VII. HARBORMASTER REPORT

No Harbormaster report.

Chairman Cain asked Executive Director Mello if he was revising the job description.

Executive Director Mello stated that he will look at the Harbor Management Ordinance language and the current job description to make sure the position is filled in the most efficient manner.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was absent.

IX. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Budget

Commissioner Kurz had nothing to report.

B. Facilities

Vice-Chairman McGuirl had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

X. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. USCG – Commercial fishing vessel safety examinations; 9-16-2015

B. CRMC – Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 9-17-2015

C. CRMC – Aquaculture preliminary determination for William Cregan; 9-29-2015

D. CRMC – October 2015 Calendar; 10-2-2015

E. CRMC – Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 10-8-2015

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jamestown Boat Yard – Request for additional moorings

Mr. Clem Napolitano, President of Jamestown Boat Yard, is requesting the Jamestown Harbor Commission issue an additional 23 mooring permits to the boatyard. Mr. Napolitano would like to answer any questions the Jamestown Harbor Commission has, but would also like to briefly discuss the type of mooring systems that they would be using.

Mr. Napolitano explained the differences between the helix style of moorings versus a traditional mooring system, stating that the helix moorings allow boats to be spaced closer and, therefore, providing more space for additional moorings. The helix moorings are also much better for the environment, as they do not have bottom chains that drag and eliminate subaqueous vegetation.

Jamestown Boat Yard was originally granted 87 moorings by the Army Core of Engineers (ACOE). Due to the large vessels the boatyard caters to, the number of moorings they could accommodate in their mooring field has dwindled down to 60 or so. In the past the boatyard was denied future requests for additional moorings.

A discussion on the helix mooring system ensued.

Executive Director Mello stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission is not responsible for the condition of moorings, just because you grant them. The Harbor Management Ordinance is not as detailed regarding elastometric mooring tackle, but it is addressed in the current ordinance and, actually, the Harbor Management Ordinance encourages the use of this type of system. In future, there should be more detail included in the ordinance about what the specs are for the elastometric tackle. There are some in use in our harbors already, and this type of mooring is permitted.

Executive Director Mello stated that it is evident that the 87 moorings were permitted. Currently Jamestown Boat Yard is permitted 57 moorings, which brings the total to 65 current moorings in the field, making them eligible for 22. 60% of the permits must be private.

Executive Director Mello stated that he has contacted Kevin Cute from CRMC and he has concurred. We have requested a detailed mooring field plan and have discussed the plan of transitioning the mooring field to the elastometric system for all moorings. The first year plan will be different than third year plan.

Mr. Napolitano stated that they are limited by subaqueous terrain and have asked that the town doesn't put more private moorings in Jamestown Boat Yard's mooring field.

Executive Director Mello stated that every mooring is under the discretion of the harbor master.

Commissioner Dickinson asked Mr. Napolitano if there are appropriate landside facilities?

Mr. Napolitano stated that yes, there are sufficient landside facilities to accommodate the increase.

Commissioner Kurz moved to grant 22 moorings to Jamestown Boat Yard, Commissioner Dickinson seconded.

Chairman Cain amended the motion to include the clause: subject to the mooring field plan be submitted to harbor office within 30 days.

So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

XIII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED

No Continued Open Forum.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kurz moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk