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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the December 9, 2015 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 1/13/2016

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, December 9, 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
William Harsch, Commissioner
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner

Absent:

Ed McGuirl, Vice-Chairman
Joseph McGrady, Commissioner
Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director

Also in attendance:

George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. November 12, 2015

Commissioner Harsch moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner Kurz 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 was not in attendance.

Chairman Cain reported that at the last meeting we (the JHC) had directed Executive Director Chief Mello to solicit bids for a replacement for the harbormaster vessel. Three bids were submitted. The bids were reviewed at a special meeting on Monday (December 7) and the JHC voted to purchase a 21' Freedom vessel from Silver Ships. We are working on arrangements to transport the vessel here for a sea trial. A marine surveyor will be present. The cost of the vessel is \$98,475. \$90,000 will come from the reserve account and \$8475 will come out of the current budget.

Chairman Cain also reported that Kim (Devlin) has expanded from part-time to full-time and her job is now a combination of harbor and police work. Her office will be relocated to the Police Station.

V. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2015/2016 MDF YTD Budget

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

VI. HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin had nothing to report.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget

Commissioner Kurz had nothing to report.

B. Facilities

Vice-Chairman McGuirl was absent.

C. Mooring Implementation

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee

Chairman Cain reported the Traffic Committee is discussing parking at Head's Beach.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza stated he is glad to hear about Jamestown Boat Yard's helix moorings being approved, but questioned the involvement of the JHC going forward.

Chairman Cain stated that the JHC approved the moorings with the condition that they submit a location map of the mooring field.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Dutch Island – Fort Greble DERP-FUDS remedial work summary; undated

Chairman Cain reported that Executive Director Chief Mello obtained a report regarding Dutch Island. The work being done is precautionary; filling in cisterns, putting up fences, etc. The work is to make the island safer.

B. Dutch Harbor Boat Yard – Request for additional moorings; 11-17-2015

Dutch Harbor Boat Yard has requested ten additional helix moorings. Executive Director Chief Mello will follow up with the appropriate agencies regarding this request.

C. CRMC – December 2015 Calendar; 12-3-2015

D. CRMC – Semi-Monthly meeting agenda; 12-3-2015

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dutch Island – Fort Greble DERP-FUDS remedial work summary

This item was addressed under Correspondence.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED

Commissioner Harsch commented that in the Harbor Management Ordinance it is the responsibility of the Jamestown Harbor Commission to make sure there is a balance between commercial and recreational use of the water around the island. Commissioner Harsch is concerned that the increase in commercial moorings, with the use of the helix systems, will place moorings so close together there will be little room for recreational use of the water. Going forward, that is something the Jamestown Harbor Commission will have to consider, that there is sufficient room for the recreational activities.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kurz moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; (4 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk