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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 6/8/2016

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, May 11, 2016 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
Wayne Banks, Commissioner
William Harsch, Commissioner
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner
Bruce Dickinson, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Absent:

Joseph McGrady, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

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

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Commissioner Harsch moves to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2016 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting, Commissioner McGrady seconded. So voted; (4 ayes, 0 nays).

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 reported that the new Harbormaster, Mark Campbell, started yesterday. The job opening was advertised throughout multiple outlets and 19 applications were received. A number of applicants were interviewed and Mark rose to the top, based on his 30 years of experience with the US Coast Guard, including the role of Chief of Staff for the Admiral. Mark is extremely qualified and we are looking forward to having him on board.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported the West Ferry bathroom was installed this week and we expect the outhaul stairs to be repaired this week, as well as the additional pumpout hydrant at West Ferry. The touch and go repairs will be finished by the end of next week. We have ordered stencils for the touch and go docks at West Ferry to make the use of the docks more clear. We are also working on signage for East Ferry. The pumpout lines were tested by LA Management when they were installing the hydrant and there are no breaks in the line and the line is testing at full pressure. There are no issues with the pumpouts at West Ferry.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that Public Works Director Mike Gray is prepared to go to bid to repair the dolphin at the West Ferry outfalls, but it cannot be repaired until the end of the season. We will find a temporary solution. We are also going out to bid for a new motor for the Ribcraft and the new boat is ready to go in the water tomorrow.

V. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2015/2016 MDF YTD Budget

The Marine Development Fund budget was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. A discussion ensued regarding the budget being incorrect. Executive Director Chief Mello stated he would discuss with the Finance Department.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget

Commissioner Kurz had nothing to report.

B. Facilities

Commissioner Dickinson had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee

Chairman Cain reported that the Traffic Committee will meet next week and continue discussing parking in the shores.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was absent.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Temporary Exemption Request – Madeline Pierz; 4/19/2016

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Temporary Exemption Request – Madeline Pierz

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Patricia (Orsi) is here to request the temporary assignment of Madeline Pierz's mooring. The mooring is not a riparian mooring and he understands the policy by the former Harbormaster was to grant the requests on a one year basis without coming to the Jamestown Harbor Commission for approval. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that when he received the request he referred to the Harbor Management Ordinance and it does not appear that the Harbormaster has that discretion.

Executive Director Chief Mello reads the applicable part of the Harbor Management Ordinance, Section 78-26 (h) (1) and stated that the request is at the discretion of the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that, in this case, the renter of the home of the permit holder is asking to use the mooring for the season.

Patricia Orsi, the renter, addressed the commission stating that they were told the mooring came with the home rental and that they are renting the home for two year.

Chairman Cain concerned about who said what to whom regarding the use of the mooring. .

Executive Director Chief Mello stated he recommends approving this for one year.

Dc moved to approve the request for one year, subject to the approval of the harbormaster. Commissioner Dickinson, So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

B. Harbor Management Ordinance and Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan revisions for CRMC

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Kim (Devlin) is about 99.9% complete with the revision of the Harbor Plan. The plan language isn't deficient, they (CRMC) wanted mapping changes. Kim has been developing maps for one section of the plan to bring us into compliance.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT

A. Temporary Exemption Requests

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he would like to read the ordinance and what the language says about Temporary Exemption requests. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Section 78-26(h) (1) of the Harbor Management Ordinance on page 16 reads:

Private mooring permits and permits for outhauls on Town owned property: occupancy. Private permit holders may not allow any vessel other than that described in the application to use the mooring or outhaul permitted for more than seven consecutive days; provided, however, that i) the harbormaster may permit the temporary use of a mooring or outhaul by another vessel upon the written request of the mooring permit holder and ii) the harbor commission, if it deems the action appropriate, may waive the restriction more generally and for a longer period. Private permit holders are prohibited from charging a fee for the temporary use of their moorings or outhaul. The harbormaster shall have the authority to move or cause to be moved any vessel violating the provisions of these regulations, at the expense and risk of the vessel owner. The vessel and/or owner of the vessel granted the temporary use of a mooring may only request the temporary use of a mooring for one season. In subsequent years, the vessel and/or vessel owner may not be the recipient of another temporary use exemption, except by order of the harbor commission.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that his interpretation of the language requires Harbormaster approval if you would like to allow someone to use a mooring for seven (7) days. If you would like to allow use mooring for eight (8) days you would need Jamestown Harbor Commission approval.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he can see how this would be difficult to enforce and could result in mooring rentals. Executive Director Chief Mello suggested the Harbormaster could approve a seven (7) day temporary use, but anything longer would require Jamestown Harbor Commission approval.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated we will update the forms and the websites.

A discussion on Temporary Use forms ensued.

XI. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED

There was no Continued Open Forum.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kurz moved to adjourn at 7:56 PM, Vice-Chairman Harsch seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk