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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 11, 2017 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission  
*Amended: 2/8/2017 Approved: 2/8/2017*

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, January 11, 2017 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  
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner  
Joseph McGrady, Commissioner  
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster  
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk  
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**A. Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to accept the minutes of the Wednesday December 14, 2016 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting, Commissioner McGrady seconded. So voted; (5 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 Chief Mello reported the Online Mooring web service provider increased their fees from \$5 to \$6.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that he met with Commissioner Kurz and he will present the budget, 2017 rates and long range infrastructure plan at the next town council meeting.

**V. HARBORMASTER REPORT**

Harbormaster Campbell had no update.

**VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET**

**A. 2015/2016 MDF YTD Budget**

The Marine Development Fund budget was not available.

**VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Budget**

Commissioner Kurz ~~was absent~~ had nothing to report.

**B. Facilities**

Chairman Cain stated that this position is vacant and asked Commissioners Wurzbacher and Banks if they would be interested in taking over.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated it is a pretty active role consisting of meeting with town staff on site to discuss projects and repairs and working with the Chief, Harbormaster and Public Works Department to maintain the Harbor facilities. Executive Director Chief Mello suggested that there could even be a three person sub-committee.

Commissioner Banks and Wurzbacher both stated that they would consider the role.

**C. Mooring Implementation**

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

**D. Traffic Committee**

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

**VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Conservation Commission Liaison**

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza had nothing to report.

Chairman Cain requested Conservation Commission Liaison Souza keep the Jamestown Harbor Commission apprised of things that the Conservation Commission has on their docket.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Memo from the Jamestown Conservation Commission – Re: Rights of Way; 12/13/2016**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. West Ferry Outhaul Repairs**

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that there are no alternative options to repairing the West Ferry outhaul pilings, as Commissioner Dickinson suggested at the last meeting. The pilings cannot be driven from land and we are looking for a way to avoid the coring, but it looks like there are no other options. Public Works Director, Mike Gray, will be presenting his recommendation to the Town Council on Tuesday.

**XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED**

Commissioner Banks stated there is a sign at the Ft. Getty boat ramp that states there is no kayak launching from the boat ramp and that is a hardship for some people.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated he would look into how the sign was placed there, but that it was not the Harbor Department that installed the sign.

Harbormaster Campbell stated that there have been conflicts between people trying to launch boats from the ramp and kayakers.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner McGrady moved to adjourn at 7:14 PM, seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin  
Jamestown Harbor Clerk