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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 4/11/2018

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, March 14, 2018 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 6:03 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman
Wayne Banks, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner
James Heagney, Commissioner
Steven Bois, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Vice-Chairman
Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Mello, Executive Director
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Wednesday, February 14, 2018

Commissioner Banks asked Executive Director Chief Mello for clarification on the width of the new dock being constructed for the end of the wood pile pier.

Executive Director Chief Mello confirmed the dock will be 10' in width.

Commissioner Banks moved to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2018 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Heagney seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled requests to address.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

There were no Non-Scheduled requests to address.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the engineering for the East Ferry float project is complete. A 10' x 40' float will be constructed and five piling will be installed. The public works department is building the float and the materials have been purchased.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the engineering for the pilings is complete and is out to bid currently. Several vendors have contacted Public Works Director Mike Gray stating that it will take six to eight weeks for the pilings to arrive after they have been ordered. The pilings will not be able to be installed until July or August. A new gangway

will be purchased and, if the pitch is ADA compliant, we will invest in an ADA approved gangway that is handicap accessible. The ADA approved gangway will cost \$1500 more than a normal gangway.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that we are ordering signage for the floating dock area to make sure it is visible and to encourage the public to use the floating docks.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated he will provide the Jamestown Harbor Commission with the total estimated cost of the project when the piling bids come in.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported on the East Ferry parking lot project, specifically the relocation of the pump for the pumpouts. The town is working with LA Management to move the pump and to make sure all of the town owned stanchions are operational. The outboard stanchion at West Ferry will be relocated to the inboard side.

Executive Director Chief Mello informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that there may be groups approaching the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the installation of additional kayak racks at certain rights-of-ways. The Jamestown Harbor Commission did commit to managing the kayak racks but did not agree to fund the construction of the racks. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that with all of the other projects going on right now – the East Ferry floating dock, the pumpout work, the West Ferry stairs and the purchase of the new Harbormaster truck for example, he is not comfortable committing to going through with the kayak rack installations this year.

Commissioner Heagney asked Executive Director Chief Mello if the large ferry that Conanicut Marine is purchasing is scheduled to launch this year.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the projects Mr. Munger proposed are divided into four smaller projects. The fuel tank replacement and the fuel dock relocation are scheduled for this spring, and the new ferry dock and the relocation of the finger docks will most likely happen in 2019.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Harbormaster Campbell reported that in two weeks he will be back to work on a limited basis.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2017/2018

MDF YTD Budget- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

There was no budget to present.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain stated that Commissioner Heagney has volunteered to work on the budget committee.

B. Facilities- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain mentioned that the CRMC approval letter mentions the, where there is eelgrass present, there is a requirement of replacing traditional mooring tackle with conservation moorings.

D. Traffic Committee- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain had nothing to report, but stated the Traffic Committee meets tomorrow.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was absent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. B. Sub-Committee vacancies - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain moved that Commissioner Heagney is nominated to the Budget sub-committee; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC); re: Harbor Management Plan five year approval – 2/26/2018

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to accept Correspondence item A; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. NEW BUSINESS- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Harbor Management Plan – CRMC five year approval - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the good news is that we have our five year approval from CRMC. However, there are stipulations to the approval that are not insignificant. The first stipulation is that any moorings that are located within an eelgrass bed must be replaced with a conservation mooring that uses a screw as an anchor. This is not feasible in the waters around Jamestown due to the shallow ledge, as some commercial operators have discovered while they were trying to install those type of moorings. We will go to CRMC and ask if there are any other options.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the second CRMC stipulation is that all of the moorings located within Zeek's Creek Conservation area must be relocated outside of the conservation area, but gives no direction as to where the moorings should be relocated. If we move them to the west a few yards they will not be in a mooring area and will not be adjacent to their riparian property and that is in conflict with our ordinance that CRMC just approved.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that when he spoke with Kevin Cute at CRMC Kevin stated that all riparian property owners have a right to a mooring and that we must accommodate them. In addition to Mr. Museler and the other property bordering Zeek's Creek that includes all of the southern end of the island, which is 73 properties. We are going to have to go back to CRMC and seek clarification on that.

Chairman Cain asked Executive Director Chief Mello if these stipulations will require ordinance changes.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the third stipulation is the only one that will require an ordinance change, and that is the definition for "Conservation Zone."

Commissioner Bois stated that he spoke to Kevin Cute at CRMC to educate himself on the definition of riparian property and that Kevin stated that any tidal property is considered riparian and that the riparian designation is not associated with the tax code designation. Commissioner Bois questioned whether the Museler's property tax would increase if they are issued a mooring permit.

Executive Director Chief Mello answered yes, that is a possibility. CRMC is also requiring us to relocate 15 moorings in the same area that Mr. Museler is requesting a mooring and we have no plan to relocate those moorings and now we are supposed to add another mooring, but we have no idea where that mooring should be located.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that there are some things that CRMC will have to clarify for us before we move forward.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Banks asked if the Gould Island project is of any interest to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Chairman Cain stated that he has been in contact with the organization in charge of the project, as a citizen – not as a representative of the Jamestown Harbor Commission, and has volunteered to be involved in the project.

Executive Director Chief Mello asked Chairman Cain if they have involved the town, based on his knowledge.

Dc stated that they have not, to his knowledge.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that if the Jamestown Harbor Commission chooses he is willing to suggest that the Jamestown Harbor Commission be involved, at a town council meeting, and ask that the town council appoint a commission member to work with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on the project.

A discussion regarding the projects at Dutch Island and Gould Island ensued.

Chairman Cain moved to ask Executive Director Chief Mello to talk to the town council about representation for the Dutch Island project; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM, Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Devlin', with a small dot at the end of the final stroke.

Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk