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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 5/9/2018

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, April 11, 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
Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Vice-Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Mello, Executive Director
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk
Wyatt Brochu, Town Solicitor

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

A. Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Commissioner Banks moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 6 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

Mr. Bill Munger addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the replacement floating dock at the end of the Wood Pile Pier that the Jamestown Harbor Commission voted to move forward with constructing. Mr. Munger stated that he was under the impression that the dock was going to be the same size as the old dock and that he has concerns about the larger dock.

Commissioner Bois asked Mr. Munger what his concerns are.

Mr. Munger stated that the dock will be too heavy to haul and that it will shorten the width of the fairway.

Commissioner Banks moved to add the item to the next agenda; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that he and Mark picked up the new Harbormaster truck.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated, regarding the East Ferry parking lot project, part of the plan is to relocate the pumpout pump into a smaller housing unit and footprint. The easternmost pumpout station will also be operational. 75% of the cost of the project will be funded by a DEM grant. The West Ferry pumpout stanchion will be relocated to the inside of the touch and go, as it offers more protection.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the docks are in the water at West Ferry but the gangways are not.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this is the busiest time of year for the Harbor Department, processing permits and getting things ready for the season and that will continue until July.

Executive Director Chief Mello reminded the Jamestown Harbor Commission that the discussion for additional kayak racks is ongoing and that the Jamestown Harbor Commission agreed that the staff would handle the permitting for the new racks. The group that is pushing for the additional racks is trying to push that forward and will begin to look at the funding of those racks.

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

**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

Commissioner Heagney had nothing to report.

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 had nothing to report.

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

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

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. Appeal – Mr. Chris Museler – Denial of riparian mooring - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain stated that he would like to open this part of the meeting with a brief discussion among the members of the Jamestown Harbor Commission on whether or not the property in question is riparian, because if we agree that the property is riparian the appellant can go back to the Executive Director and pursue his options.

Town Solicitor Wyatt Brochu reviewed the material and stated the property is riparian and that it is clearly bounded by tidal waters.

Commissioner Bois stated that the property is tidal in his opinion, but that it is not being taxed as riparian property.

Town Solicitor Brochu advised the Jamestown Harbor Commission not to base their decision on tax records.

Chairman Cain asked the members of the Jamestown Harbor Commission if everyone is familiar with the area in question and if the members of the Jamestown Harbor Commission can form an opinion on whether or not the property is in tidal waters.

Chairman Cain moved that the Jamestown Harbor Commission finds the waters adjacent to the appellant's property riparian; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Chairman Cain stated that the appellant can take up his application with the Executive Director.

Mr. Quentin Anthony, attorney for the appellant, asked if his client's property is riparian under the ordinance.

Town Solicitor Brochu stated that, based on the conclusion of the Jamestown Harbor Commission, the property is in tidal waters and that it is also riparian.

Chairman Cain moved that the appellant's property is riparian under the ordinance; Commissioner Heagney seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Clark's Boat Yard – Installer and Inspector Application; 4-2-2018

Commissioner Lexow moved to accept the mooring installer and inspector list as correspondence; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

A. Updated Mooring Installer and Inspector List

Chairman Cain moved to accept the mooring installer and inspector list as correspondence; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

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

Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 6:26 PM, Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk