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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the July 11, 2018 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 8/8/2018

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, July 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 6:30 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman
William Harsch, Vice-Chairman
Wayne Banks, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner
James Heagney, Commissioner
Steven Bois, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Absent:

Also in attendance:

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

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

A. Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting; Commissioner Lexow 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

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 had nothing to report.

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

Harbormaster Campbell reported that since the last meeting he has supported the Newport to Bermuda race, and the 4th of July fireworks. Harbormaster Campbell reported that the July 4th was a busy day but everyone was well behaved and there were no incidents.

Harbormaster Campbell also reported that both boats are operational, but that the Yamaha motor on the Freedom needed a new relay switch for the engine tab and that has been fixed.

Harbormaster Campbell reported that the lighted channel marker in East Ferry is out and a replacement was shipped out

today and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

Harbormaster Campbell reported that the mooring fields are filling up and are at approximately 80% capacity.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2017/2018

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the budget will be available at the next meeting.

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 not in attendance at the time this agenda item was addressed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan – CRMC Approval and Conditions, specifically the type of moorings required and the relocation of moorings in the Conservation Area at Zeek’s Creek- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that at the last meeting the directive from the Jamestown Harbor Commission was to determine whether the Conservation area line can be moved from the town’s designation at 1000’ to the CRMC’s designated line at 500’. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that most of the moorings affected by the CRMC stipulation lie within the 500’ discrepancy area between the town’s line and the CRMC line.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he met with the Conservation Commission and will meet with them again to see if there is a way to come to a consensus to move the town’s line to match the CRMC line. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this will be a long process and it is not something that will happen in the near future. If the consensus is that the line should match the CRMC line the Harbor Management Ordinance will have to be amended and the town council and CRMC will have to approve the ordinance change.

(6:37PM Vice-Chairman Harsch arrived.)

Ms. Sharon Purdie from Westwind Drive stated that at the last meeting there was an attorney present who said that the way the CRMC letter was worded that this wouldn’t take effect until five years from now, and the Jamestown Harbor Commission said that they would clarify that with them and Ms. Purdie is wondering if that happened.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the attorney was Mr. Anthony who was representing a resident on an appeal under another agenda item and that his assertion was that the five year approval letter stipulations did not have to be met until 2023. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he clarified the meaning of the stipulations in the letter with CRMC and CRMC stated that the stipulations should begin to be met immediately.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Mr. Anthony stated that the directive on the interpretation of the letter did not come from the signatory of the letter and that we should not follow that directive.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that CRMC is clarifying their directive that the stipulations must begin immediately.

(Conservation Commission Liaison Souza arrived 6:39.)

Commissioner Bois asked Executive Director Chief Mello if he has been in touch with CRMC regarding moving the town’s conservation line.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that, no, he has not because he is still in talks with the Conservation Commission.

B. Construction of the East Ferry floating dock as voted on by the Jamestown Harbor Commission on 2/14/2018 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that in February the Jamestown Harbor Commission approved the replacement of the damaged float with a 10'x40' float. Mr. Munger appeared before the Jamestown Harbor Commission and asked that they reconsider their decision.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he, Public Works Director Mike Gray and Mr. Munger have met to discuss other options and are also looking at funding for the project, the total project cost and how much insurance money will be paid out for the damage.

Commissioner Banks moved to continue the item until the next meeting; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

C. Appeal – Mr. Chris Museler; re: Mooring location; 5/8/2018 – Review, discussion and/or potential vote
Chairman Cain stated that Mr. Museler asked that his appeal be continued until the August meeting.

Commissioner Banks moved to continue Mr. Museler's appeal until the August meeting; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that at the last meeting, for the board members that were present, the legal argument that Mr. Anthony had suggested Mr. Harsch had asked him to submit that it writing and we have yet to receive that from Mr. Anthony.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
There was no Open Forum discussions continued.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote
Vice-Chairman Harsch moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM, Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk