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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 11/13/2019

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Harsch called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM with roll call:

Present:

William Harsch, Chairman
Steven Bois, Commissioner
James Heagney, Commissioner
Michael Junge, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Absent:

Wayne Banks, Vice-Chairman
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

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

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

A. Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Commissioner Lexow moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Bois 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 there was some damage to the inner touch and go float and gangway at East Ferry and we are working with Conanicut Marine to have that removed.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the Town Council will hear the Museler appeal on October 22 at 11AM.

(Commissioner Heagney arrived 6:35PM.)

Executive Director Chief Mello informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that he is working on a new renewal schedule that will make more sense and allow potential permit holders more time to make plans when they are offered a permit.

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

Harbormaster Campbell reported that he has been issuing permits for next season and also that he will be taking the boats out of the water and decommissioning them soon.

Harbormaster Campbell reminded the Jamestown Harbor Commission that his season ends at the end of October, in about three weeks.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2018/2019

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

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he has just received the financial report and would like to go over it with Jim (Heagney) before presenting the FY 20/21 budget to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Heagney stated that he hopes to have more information for the next meeting.

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

Commissioner Wurzbacher and Vice-Chairman Banks were both absent.

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

Commissioner Banks was absent.

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

Commissioner Junge stated that the last Traffic Committee meeting was cancelled.

E. Gould Island Restoration Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Bois reported that there was a meeting two weeks ago that included a presentation from DEM and a vote was taken by State legislature to support the continued restoration of Gould Island. The goal is to make parts of the island safe for recreational use.

Executive Director Chief Mello added that the Town Council adopted a resolution on Monday to support those efforts and the resolution will be sent to the Federal Government.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

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

1. Letter from Conservation Commission to CRMC; Re: Jamestown Boat Yard Marina expansion; 8/26/2019

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza stated that the letter the Conservation Commission sent to CRMC speaks for itself and that there are concerns about dredging in the area.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. West Ferry Outhaul Steps – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that at the last meeting he informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission of the poor condition of the stairs at the West Ferry outhauls and the plans to rebuild them. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the project cost is estimated at \$45,000 and we may be able to partially cover that cost with our maintenance line item but we may also have to use some money out of our reserve funds to cover the cost of the project.

Chairman Harsch moved to allow Executive Director Chief Mello to go ahead with the West Ferry outhaul project and to tap the reserve funds for the necessary amount, with the understanding that the total project cost is no greater than \$45,000; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Outhaul Fees at Ft. Getty and West Ferry – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the outhaul fee rates have not been raised in 10 years and that our facilities committee members are not present. We have not yet notified the outhaul permit holders so there is no rush to address this item.

Commissioner Bois moved to continue this item until the next meeting; Chairman Harsch seconded.

Commissioner Junge stated that he would also like to consider the difference in the two facilities when determining rates.

So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal – Mr. William Straser; Re: Denial of Grace Period and Request for Second Grace Period; 10/3/2019 – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Mr. Straser is unavailable for this meeting, but that he has held this mooring for more than 10 years. Mr. Straser was granted a Grace Period in 2017 by the Harbormaster and received a notice for non-use from the Harbormaster this year. Mr. Straser applied for another Grace Period and was denied because the policy is that we cannot grant a second Grace Period; he would have to appear in front of the Jamestown Harbor Commission and ask that you grant the second one.

Commissioner Bois moved to deny the appeal request; Chairman Harsch seconded. So voted; 3 ayes, 2 nays. The appeal was denied.

B. Appeal – Mr. Christopher Caccia; Re: Denial of Grace Period and Request for Second Grace Period; 10/3/2019– Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Mr. Caccia was granted the mooring permit in 2018 and that he was granted Grace Period that year. Mr. Caccia requested another grace period this season after he received a non-use letter from the Harbormaster, and that request was denied. Mr. Caccia is appealing that decision to the Jamestown Harbor Commission and asking for another grace period.

Commissioner Bois moved to deny the appeal request; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays. The appeal was denied.

C. Appeal – Ms. Carolyn Sears; Re: Denial of Grace Period and Request for Fourth Grace Period; 10/3/2019 – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Ms. Sears was granted a Grace Period in 2013, in 2016 was granted a Temporary Use of the mooring by another vessel by the former Harbormaster. In 2018 the Jamestown Harbor Commission granted Ms. Sears a third request for a waiver and she is now requesting a fourth waiver for not having her vessel on her mooring this season. Ms. Sears received a non-use letter from the Harbormaster this season.

Commissioner Bois moved to deny the appeal request; Chairman Harsch seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays. The appeal was denied.

D. Meeting Time – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Harsch suggested continuing the item until all members are present.

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

Ms. Mary Marshall address the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding her concerns about the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Mr. William Hutchinson addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his concerns for the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Mr. Chad George addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his concerns for the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Commissioner Bois asked Executive Director Chief Mello what the next steps are from this point

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion is completely with in the CRMC's purview, as the expansion is for docks, not moorings. If the Jamestown Harbor Commission would like to weigh in on the matter, it should be done through the Town Council.

Commissioner Bois moved to add the item to the agenda; Chairman Harsch seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Fred Reis addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his concerns for the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Ms. Louise Potter addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his concerns for the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

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

Commissioner Junge moved to adjourn at 7:34 PM; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Devlin', written in a cursive style.

Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk