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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 2/12/2020

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, January 9, 2020 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

Wayne Banks, Vice-Chairman
Steven Bois, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner
Michael Junge, Commissioner
Richard Raynes, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
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, December 11, 2019

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Junge 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

William Brennan, 238 Narragansett Avenue, addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the West Ferry outhaul rates. Mr. Brennan stated that he feels there are limitations to the boat size the West Ferry outhauls can accommodate, and also that the tackle is the responsibility of the permit holder. Mr. Brennan also stated that he does not understand why commercial permits are less expensive than a recreational permit.

Carol Cronin addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the outhauls at the Dumplings dock stating that they only charge \$150.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that those are associated with a private organization and we don't know if they also have to pay dues to be a member of that organization and also they are not open to the general public.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the status of the Museler and Sears appeals to the Town Council. The Museler appeal, which is related to the denial of a guest mooring and the Sears appeal is related to the denial of a fourth grace period, will begin on January 31st.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the appeals were held up on a pending Ethics Commission decision on whether or not a member of the council could sit on the board to hear the appeals. The Ethics Committee determined that all members of the Town Council may sit to hear the appeals.

Executive Director Chief Mello also informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that the Town Council voted on Monday that the boat trailer parking rate for Ft. Getty Park will be \$600.

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

Harbormaster Campbell was not in attendance.

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 the budget is not available at this time.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

This item will be on the next agenda for the Commission to vote on a Budget point person.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks and Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Junge had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Bois had nothing to report.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

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

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza had nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Banks asked Conservation Commission Liaison Souza about the Conservation Commission's stance on the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion.

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza stated that they are still waiting for further information from CRMC regarding changes to the expansion plan.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

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

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that the proposed rates for 2020 are increasing at West Ferry only, \$50 more for recreational permits and \$70 more for commercial permits. The proposed rates at Ft. Getty will remain the same as last year.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that his recommendation remains the same and that the Jamestown Harbor Commission is only voting on the 2020 rates. This item will need to be revisited each year to continue with the incremental increase in the outhaul permit fees.

Commissioner Bois stated that he had met with Executive Director Chief Mello and went over the outhaul revenues and expenditures and that he now has a better understanding of the proposed plan.

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that he still feels that the proposed rates are very generous.

Commissioner Bois moved to adopt the proposed outhaul rates for Ft. Getty and West Ferry; Vice-Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Harbor Permit Rates – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the proposed 2020 permit rates; Commissioner Bois 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 informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that there was a significant discussion on the Jamestown Boat Yard expansion at the Town Council meeting on Monday. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this is predominately a ruling and decision by CRMC and that the Town Council is trying to determine if they have a say in the matter. The Town Council has continued this matter pending further information.

Executive Director Chief Mello also reported that the change to the permit renewal process is moving forward with the Town Council and that he has drafted a revised Harbor Management Ordinance for the Town Council to review. The next step will be for the Town Council to advertise for a Public Hearing, which will be in February.

C. Joseph and Antonio Pinheiro – End of Pilot Program for upweller at Ft. Getty Pier Review – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that he has worked with the Pinheiros over the last month and they have submitted a memo, along with their original proposal, in the packet.

Tony Pinheiro addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission, asking for the pilot program to end and to be approved to have the upwellers at their leased spot at Ft. Getty pier on a permanent basis.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that before the Jamestown Harbor Commission votes to allow the program on a regular basis there needs to be at least one year of a successful pilot program as proposed.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission does not have to authority to approve the upwellers, that the Town Council will have the final say. The Jamestown Harbor Commission only provides a recommendation to the Council as it is not within the Jamestown Harbor Commission's purview to permit this.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to extend the pilot program to allow the Pinheiros' to have the upwellers at Ft. Getty for another year; Commissioner Bois seconded.

Executive Director Chief Mello asked if it is the expectation of the Jamestown Harbor Commission that the Pinheiros will retro fit a boat and hang cages from it and that the vessel is required to be registered.

The Jamestown Harbor Commission agreed that that is the expectation.

Executive Director Chief Mello also asked the Jamestown Harbor Commission if they are expecting the Pinheiros to follow the laws or the rules of Ft. Getty Park. Executive Director Chief Mello clarified that leaving an unpermitted boat at Ft. Getty is not against the law but it is against the Rules and Regulation of the park.

Vice-Chairman Banks stated that it is the expectation that the Pinheiros will follow the laws and the Town policies and, in addition, any direction from the Harbormaster about what he deems acceptable.

So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Correspondence.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal – William Straser; Re: Denial of Second Grace Period – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Mr. Straser had a family emergency and is unable to make the meeting. Since this is not a pressing issue the item could be continued until the next agenda.

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to continue the appeal until the next meeting; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks asked that the Jamestown Harbor Commission be notified when a member resigns.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that that is a fair request and we will try to honor that, but that sometimes we are not even notified in a timely manner.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that he has come across a new type of mooring system and asked if the Jamestown

Harbor Commission would be willing to listen to a presentation from the company that has invented the system.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Kim has that information, as well, and that we will look into it.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 6 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