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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the February 12, 2020 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission  
*Approved: 8/12/2020*

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission was held Wednesday, February 12, 2020 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 6:02 PM with roll call:

Present:

William Harsch, Chairman  
Steven Bois, Commissioner  
Eric Lexow, Commissioner  
Michael Junge, Commissioner  
Richard Raynes, Commissioner  
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Absent:

Wayne Banks, Vice-Chairman  
Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison  
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster

Also in attendance:

Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk

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

**A. Wednesday, January 9, 2020**

Commissioner Junge moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Jamestown Harbor Commission 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**

William Brennan, 238 Narragansett Avenue, addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the West Ferry outhaul riprap and bulkhead maintenance. Mr. Brennan stated that the vegetation is overgrown and presented the Jamestown Harbor Commission with historical pictures showing how the vegetation has become unkempt over time.

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that it was her understanding that the riprap and vegetation cleanup were to be included in the stair replacement project and there may be CRMC regulations that prevent the cutting of vegetation, but that she will look into this issue.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello was not in attendance.

**A. Smart Mooring Update**

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that CRMC has not yet approved the use of the Smart Mooring.

**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**

The year to date expenditures were presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that there is nothing that stands out, other than the legal fees that are related to the Museler appeal.

## **VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

This item is on the agenda to elect a point person.

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

Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks was not in attendance.

### **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, other than stating that they are waiting for a quarterly report.

Chairman Harsch asked if there are plans for the further restoration of Gould Island.

Commissioner Bois stated that they are waiting to hear if they can secure funding.

## **VIII. LIAISON REPORTS**

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

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was not in attendance.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Harbor Clerk Devlin informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission of the Town Council decision to Grant Carolyn Sears her appeal for a fourth Grace Period that was previously denied by the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that Mr. Straser is asking for his second Grace Period.

Mr. Straser addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission asking for their approval of a second Grace Period. Mr. Straser stated that family issues prevented him from launching his boat this year.

A discussion ensued.

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that Mr. Straser has always paid on time and has never been late and that his boat has been on the mooring every year except in 2013 when he requested his first Grace Period.

Chairman Harsch moved to approve Mr. Straser's request for a Grace Period; Commissioner Raynes seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 2 nays (Bois, Junge).

## **X. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. Letter from Executive Director Chief Mello to Sunset Oyster Farm c/o Tony and Joe Pinheiro Re: Upwellers at Ft. Getty Pier; 1/2/2020**

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that this correspondence is informational only and no action has been taken other than to accept the item.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that this letter seems to be informing the Pinheiro's of the conditions of the extension of the pilot program, as last year the Pinheiro's did not follow the conditions set forth by the Jamestown Harbor Commission and the Town Council.

Commissioner Bois moved to accept the Correspondence; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of a Point Person for the Budget Sub-Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote**

Chairman Harsch moved to appoint Commissioner Lexow to the Budget Sub-Committee; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

There was no continued Open Forum.

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

Commissioner Lexow moved to adjourn at 6:30 PM; Commissioner Bois 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