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TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HARBOR COMMISSION

Minutes of the September 11, 2013 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission Approved: 10-9-2013

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman David Cain, Vice-Chairman Larry Eichler, Commissioner Ed McGuirl, Commissioner Chris Brown, Commissioner Patrick Bolger, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director Sam Paterson, Harbormaster George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 14, 2013

Vice-Chairman Cain moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2013 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner Eichler seconded. So voted (4 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions (Brown and Bolger)).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

OPEN FORUM Scheduled Requests to Address

No Scheduled requests to address.

Non-scheduled Requests to Address

No Non-Scheduled requests to address.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT

Executive Director Chief Mello reported Assistant Harbormaster, Joe Falcioni, completed his final shift of the season on Monday (September 9).

Executive Director Chief Mello stated the Harbor Management Ordinance and Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan have been sent to Town Solicitor, Peter Ruggiero, for review before being sent to the Town Council. If there are any major edits, the Harbor Management Ordinance will come back to the Jamestown Harbor Commission for approval, before it is sent to the Town Council. The Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan will be brought back to the Jamestown Harbor Commission for approval after review by the Town Solicitor, and then will be passed to the Town Council.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET 2013/2014 MDF YTD Budget

The Marine Development Fund was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported there are currently four (4) permits that have not been renewed this year. Those individuals have been sent forfeiture notices.

HARBORMASTER REPORT

Harbormaster Paterson had nothing to report.

Commissioner McGuirl inquired if there are any developments in the Pinheiro aquaculture application.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated the town is monitoring the situation, and waiting for the CRMC notice of a public hearing.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council Liaison seat is vacant.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison George Souza had nothing to report.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Budget

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report, but asked when the audited 2012/2013 budget would be available.

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated the audited budget will be available in January.

Facilities

Commissioner Eichler had nothing to report.

Mooring Implementation

Vice-Chairman Cain commented on the parking situation at Maple Avenue, in regards to the number of beach permits issued, stating there should be a reasonable assessment of the parking situation prior to determining the maximum number of permits allowed.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that parking could be a problem at Maple Avenue, but that a number of residents within walking distance also have permits for that location. The concern is not only parking, but also access to the water for everyone, not just those with vessels.

Commissioner Cain stated the town planner should be consulted to determine what her plans are for that location in the future, and maybe the town council, with respect to parking. There does not seem to be a parking problem at the other locations – Ft. Getty, East Ferry and Head's Beach.

Commissioner Cain requested permission from the Jamestown Harbor Commission to consult with Chief (Mello), the town planner and the town council during the winter months to determine if there are any plans for municipal parking in that area before the number of permits is set at that location (Maple Avenue). We need to know what our capabilities are first.

Chairman deAngeli stated that seems like a reasonable way to move forward. There were no objections from the Commission and Chairman deAngeli requested Commissioner Cain move forward as stated.

Harbor Management Ordinance / Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

A. What criteria does the Jamestown Harbor Commission use to define a "Qualified mooring inspector?" The Jamestown Harbor Commission reviewed the draft form to be submitted to the town by mooring inspectors and

installers who wish to be included on the town list of qualified mooring inspectors.

The form will be updated, per suggestions made at the meeting, and re-submitted to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Clarke Moody – Re: CMS expansion plan comments; Rec'd: 8-25-2013

Vice-Chairman Cain moved to accept Correspondence item 14A, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Commissioner Bolger commented that the letter from Mr. Moody raises a legal issue that has not yet been brought up, regarding the Conanicut Marine expansion. The letter states that the plans put forth by Bill Munger for Conanicut Marine's expansion move the business outside of the commercial waterfront zoning district and into the zoned residential district.

Chairman deAngeli stated he would look into the issue and contact the zoning board of review and the town solicitor.

B. Peter Converse - Re: Vessel ownership; Rec'd: 9-6-2013

Vice-Chairman Cain moved to accept Correspondence item 14A, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

C. CRMC – September Monthly Calendar; Rec'd: 9-6-2013

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept Correspondence item 14A, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

D. Cheryl Fernstrom, Town Clerk – Memo; Rec'd: 9-6-2013

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept Correspondence item 14A-D, Commissioner Brown seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Chairman deAngeli asked Harbor Clerk Devlin to notify the town clerk that the Jamestown Harbor Commission would attend the October 21 meeting with the town council.

There was no Open Forum continued.

OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 7:35 PM, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin Jamestown Harbor Clerk