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Minutes of the November 14, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting
Approved: 12-12-12

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman
David Cain, Commissioner
Ed McGuirl, Commissioner
Chris Brown, Commissioner
Jake Farrell, Commissioner
Patrick Bolger, Commissioner
Larry Eichler, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 10, 2012**

Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

OPEN FORUM

Scheduled Requests to Address

No Scheduled requests to address.

Non-scheduled Requests to Address

Mr. Donald Richardson addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the condition of the boat ramp at East Ferry. Mr. Richardson was unable to trailer his boat out of the water and had to use the ramp in Wickford. Mr. Richardson is requesting the boat ramp be repaired so it is usable.

Mr. Richardson also questioned if the harbor funds or town funds will pay for the repairs.

Commissioner Eichler stated the responsibility is 50% harbor and 50% town.

Mr. Richardson stated he is against using mooring fees to repair the boat ramp at East Ferry.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT

Executive Director Mello updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the damaged caused by the storm *Sandy*:

East Ferry:

- Erosion at the seawall, beyond the scope of the project underway
- Decking on the Wood Pile Pier (WPP) needs to be replaced, along with repairs to the electricity, water, and pumpouts

Ft. Getty:

- The pier at Ft. Getty sustained damage to the deck and some pilings
- There is an area where a washout will require fixing

West Ferry:

- There are areas where drainage needs to be addressed
- Mitigation work is required at the sheet wall to prevent any further erosion

Executive Director Mello reported the repairs will be done through collaboration between the Town, the Trust, and FEMA.

CORRESPONDENCE

B. 11/6/2012 – CRMC; Aquaculture Preliminary Determination File #2012-10-025

Executive Director Mello updated the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the preliminary meeting regarding CRMC aquaculture application #2012-10-025 (Silkes). The application calls for approximately 22 acres of space for a mussel farm. There was significant opposition from the commercial fishing industry, and the applicant will most likely reconsider the location of the project.

A discussion on the types of commercial fishing (conch, scup, and dragging) that would be disrupted by the 22 acre mussel farm ensued.

Chairman deAngeli moved that the Jamestown Harbor Commission request the town administrator communicate to CRMC, to the effect that the Jamestown Harbor Commission believes that the application of Adam Silkes for mussel farming in the area identified in his aquaculture application of CRMC file # 2012-10-025 could pose a danger to navigation and interference with commercial and recreational fishing and therefore would recommend the application be denied. Commissioner McGuirl seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

At the same meeting, Executive Director Mello stated CRMC commercial viability application #2012-08-083 (Pinheiro) was informally discussed. Mr. Dave Beutel, the CRMC aquaculture representative, stated the application will be permitted; however, not for the amount of space the application indicated (approx. 10,000ft²). The permit will include only approximately 1000ft² of space, or one line. The permit is also temporary, and will be for a three year period. The application is complete and will be permitted; however, it would not hurt to have the Jamestown Harbor Commission forward their opinion to CRMC.

Commissioner Farrell stated the proposed site location is in a multi-use area. There is a beach for swimming, a mooring area, a boat ramp in the area. The site could cause a hazard to navigation.

Commissioner Cain moved that the proposed aquaculture application (#2012-08-083) would have adverse effects on an existing mooring area and that the town should request the application be disapproved for those reasons. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Commissioner Bolger requested clarification of the rules for boats permitted to the Ft. Getty pier, specifically if they must be removed during a storm.

Executive Director Mello stated that the town did request the boats be removed during a storm and the leases will be cleaned up to modify the terms of the agreement, for liability purposes. Beach, outhaul, and pier permit leases will all be addressed and, hopefully, the agreement will state that all of the above permitted vessels will need to be removed the day before a storm to minimize potential damages. Once the new council has appointed a solicitor, Executive Director Mello will discuss the leases with him or her.

Executive Director Mello also stated that the abandoned vessel from Potter's Cove has been picked up. He requested the ordinance be updated to include language specifically for the abandonment of a vessel in Jamestown waters, before the next season begins.

**MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET
2012/2013 MDF YTD Budget**

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

Commissioner Eichler requested the final budget numbers from last fiscal year.

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated she would provide the numbers to the Jamestown Harbor Commission when they are available, at the end of December.

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported the pumpouts have been winterized.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council liaison Bowen was absent.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison George Souza was absent.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Budget

Chairman deAngeli stated we should begin work on the budget soon.

Commissioner Brown responded that he would like to wait until he receives the audited budget from last year to begin work on the upcoming budget.

Facilities

Commissioner Eichler reported the commercial fishermen are still using the docks at West Ferry and have requested that Dutch Harbor Boat Yard leave them in until the last possible moment.

Mooring Implementation

Commissioner Cain had nothing to report.

Harbor Management Ordinance / Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Dutch Harbor Boat Yard – Request for additional moorings

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept Correspondence item 13(A), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

CORRESPONDENCE

C. 11/9/2012 – Dutch Harbor Boat Yard; request for additional moorings

Mr. Larry Eichler, owner of Dutch Harbor Boat Yard (DHBV), addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding his request for DHBV to obtain eight (8) additional commercial moorings to add to their current number of 100 moorings. Mr. Eichler stated he has spoken with the Harbormaster, Sam Paterson, and the harbormaster said there is room for the additional permits.

Based on the ratio outlined in the Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan (CHMP), of 60% private moorings to 40% commercial moorings, DHBV should be entitled to the eight additional moorings to maintain the ration. Over the past few years, there have been additional private mooring permits issued, stated Mr. Eichler.

Chairman deAngeli moved to approve the application for Dutch Harbor Boat Yard for eight (8) additional commercial moorings in Dutch Harbor. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Eichler)).

CORRESPONDENCE

A. 11/1/2012 – CRMC; Monthly Calendar

Commissioner Cain moved to accept Correspondence item 14(A), Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

OPEN FORUM - CONTINUED

There was no continued open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 7:55 PM, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted; (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Devlin
Harbor Clerk