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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the February 10, 2021 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 3/10/2021

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission was held Wednesday, February 10, 2021.
PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-05 EXECUTED BY GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO ON MARCH 16, 2020, THIS MEETING WAS TELECONFERENCED VIA ZOOM.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Randy White, Town Council Liaison
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 9, 2020

Commissioner Raynes amended the minutes to reflect that he voted against adjourning the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2020 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

Town Council Liaison White stated that he will be attending the Jamestown Harbor Commission meetings and will assist the Jamestown Harbor Commission in any way he can to facilitate communication between the Jamestown Harbor Commission and the Town Council.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to address. Executive Director Chief Mello verified that there was no one waiting to join the meeting.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the Jamestown Harbor Commission recommendation to the Town Council that the Pinheiro's upweller project at Ft. Getty be approved with the removal of the term "pilot" from the program. The Town Council approved the request at the January 4, 2021 meeting. The Jamestown Harbor Commission chose not to take action on the Pinheiro's request for additional dock space to store equipment; however, the Town Council acted on the request and approved them for 240 ft².

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the permit renewal process is underway and that we are sending out certified letters to approximately 70 applicants who have not yet renewed their permits or wait list positions. The applicants will still be able to pay without penalty until the March meeting when appeals will be heard by the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2020/2021

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

The budget was not available for review.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commissioner Lexow had nothing to report.

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

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

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he would like to tour the landside facilities with the newly appointed Jamestown Harbor Commission member Commissioner McCarthy and Commissioner Wurzbacher and Chairman Banks. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he feels it is helpful for new Commission members to see first hand the landside facilities the Jamestown Harbor Commission oversees.

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 reported that the Traffic Committee met three weeks ago and spent two and a half hours listening to concerns from the public regarding Jamestown Boat Yard (JBY) and issues on Dumpling Drive.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that CRMC controls dredging and has approved JBY to dredge around their docks. Executive Director Chief Mello also reported that the Jamestown Harbor Commission approved a mooring increase for JBY about five years ago and there is a Zoning Ordinance that requires one parking space for every one and a half moorings. JBY has provided a parking plan to accommodate those 60+ spaces required which was forwarded to the Town Council.

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.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Mark Baker to Town Council President Nancy Beye – Re: Request to have the Town Council Suspend the Revised Harbor Permit Renewal Schedule; 1/14/2021 – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to accept the correspondence; Commissioner Junge seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overnight Anchoring Ordinance Review - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Harbor Management Ordinance does not clearly state where boats can anchor. It does state that anchoring is limited to three days but that is difficult to monitor, and it also states that houseboats can anchor in a marina but there is no definition of what a houseboat is in the ordinance. We do have defined anchorage areas but based on the availability of transient moorings from commercial marinas around the island and Executive Director Chief Mello questioned if it is really necessary to have anchorage areas as well. There is no process to register anchored vessels and it is difficult to monitor. The Jamestown Police have had to respond to numerous calls on the water for domestic disturbances and assaults and it is problematic.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Bois moved to have a few Commission members meet with Executive Director Chief Mello and the Harbormaster to work on language for the ordinance regarding anchoring, Vice-Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Election of a Chairman – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to nominate Vice-Chairman Banks as the Chairman of the Jamestown Harbor Commission; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

C. Election of a Vice-Chairman - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to nominate Commissioner Junge as the Vice-Chairman; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 7 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

Chairman Banks moved to adjourn at 5:50 PM; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk