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Minutes of the September 12, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting
Approved: 10/10/2012

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Jake Farrell, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Bob Bowen, Town Council Liaison
Sam Paterson, Harbormaster
Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 8, 2012

Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

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 Mello thanked Harbormaster Sam Paterson for his efforts in saving the life of a person who jumped from the Jamestown Bridge.

Executive Director Mello also reported that the PATON's are registered with the Coast Guard and that Jamestown is one of the first communities to have completed the process.

Executive Director Mello presented the Jamestown Harbor Commission with a sample of tread material for the new steps at the West Ferry outhauls. The Harbor Department will purchase the materials and Ramon will handle the installation.

The work will most likely be completed in March or April of 2013.

Executive Director Mello reported there was only one bidder for the maintenance and storage of the touch and go docks - Conanicut Marine. Executive Director Mello requested the Jamestown Harbor Commission ratify the contract go to Conanicut Marine.

Commissioner Eichler moved to approve the bid worksheet form for Conanicut Marine for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 in accordance with the RFP, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays)

Executive Director Mello presented the Jamestown Harbor Commission with a summary of the proposals submitted for the maintenance and storage of the Harbormaster boats, for informational purposes only. No vote is necessary on the bid awards, since they are both under \$5000.

For both the Ribcraft and the Eastern, the lowest bidder was Snug Harbor. Most likely, the boats will be serviced at that location and stored on town property.

To keep everything in order with the agenda, Chairman deAngeli moved to move up Items 13A, B, and C. Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

NEW BUSINESS
A. Bid Awards
1. Floating Docks
2. Ribcraft
3. Eastern

(These "New Business" items were discussed prior to the motion to move up the items).

Executive Director Mello reported the East Ferry seawall project is under way and the outhaul repairs at Ft. Getty and West Ferry are moving forward.

Executive Director Mello requested the Jamestown Harbor Commission come to a consensus on the two floating dock options for Ft. Getty; the one next to the boat ramp and the donated ones the sailing school wants to add to the pier.

After some discussion, the Jamestown Harbor Commission decided to examine the potential for a floating dock next to the ramp.

The consensus of the Jamestown Harbor Commission is not to explore the installation of the donated floating docks off of the Ft. Getty pier. Reasons include the fact that the current is too strong, especially at high and low tides. Also, they would interfere with the fishing vessels currently leasing pier space, especially for navigational purposes. The floating docks could also break away and take out the boats on the outhauls or interfere with that user group, as well.

Executive Director Mello stated that there is conflicting language in the Harbor Management Ordinance regarding parking. The town would like to clean the language up and is requesting advice or a consensus from the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the issue of parking at Ft. Getty and West Ferry.

Commissioner Bolger suggested having a designated outhaul parking area at Ft. Getty, but not necessarily in front of the outhauls.

Commissioner Eichler stated that he doesn't feel the outhaul permit holders at West Ferry should be able to park in front of their specific outhaul. The area should be first come first served.

Executive Director Mello stated he will take the information back to the Parking Commission. The intent is to have outhaul permit holders have access to their outhaul, and parking.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET
2011/2012 MDF YTD Budget

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

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin had nothing to report.

HARBORMASTER REPORT

Chairman deAngeli moved to move up Item 14(C), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays)

CORRESPONDENCE
C. CRMC – Re: Aquaculture application; 8/29/2012

Harbormaster Paterson reported a representative from CRMC and he visited the site of a proposed aquaculture project near Head's Beach. It seems CRMC will need more information before the application can move forward. Harbormaster Paterson wanted to bring this to the attention to the Jamestown Harbor Commission because the popularity of aquaculture is growing and there is a strong possibility of additional aquaculture sites popping up around the island. Harbormaster Paterson stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission may want to become more involved in the aquaculture projects around the island. There are currently two established aquaculture sites permitted around the island.

Commissioner Brown asked if the Jamestown Harbor Commission has a say in these projects.

Harbormaster Paterson responded that, yes, the Jamestown Harbor Commission could have an impact on the permitting if it interferes with existing user groups on the water. These projects should also be registered like a mooring with the town and with the USCG.

Chairman deAngeli asked Harbormaster Paterson if he thought this project would cause a problem.

Harbormaster Paterson stated that, at this point, it is difficult to tell. The application asks for 1000 ft² of space, but only shows plans for about 300 ft².

Chairman deAngeli stated that he would email Bruce (Keiser) and ask him to object.

LIAISON REPORTS
Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council liaison Bowen had nothing to report.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison George Souza was absent.

ONGOING BUSINESS
Budget

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

Facilities

Commissioner Eichler had nothing further to report.

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

There was no additional New Business to discuss.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. CRMC – Re: Proposed changes; 8/10/2012

B. DEM – Re: Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; 8/16/2012

Commissioner Brown moves to accept correspondence item 14(A and B), Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays)

Open Forum – Continued

There was no continued open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Devlin
Harbor Clerk