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TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HARBOR COMMISSION

Minutes of the December 14, 2011 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting Approved: 1/10/2012

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:04PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman Andrew Kallfelz, Vice-Chairman David Cain, Commissioner Chris Brown, Commissioner Edward McGuirl, Commissioner

Absent:

Larry Eichler, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Town Administrator Bruce Keiser; Executive Director Bob Bowen, Town Council Liaison George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison Sam Paterson, Harbormaster Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 12, 2011

Commissioner Brown moved to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting, Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (5 ayes, 0 nays)

November 9, 2011

Commissioner Cain moved to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2011 meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission, Vice-Chairman Kallfelz seconded. So voted (5 ayes, 0 nays)

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda.

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 KEISER'S REPORT

Executive Director Keiser reported the town is looking at reconfiguring the docks at East Ferry to eliminate the dockage fees paid to CMS for leasing dock space for the Harbormaster and Fire Department boats.

A discussion on the details of the possible reconfiguration ensued.

Vice-Chairman Kallfelz moved to approve the expenditure of an unknown amount to determine the cost of reconfiguring the floating dock, so the town can move the boats to the touch and go. Commissioner McGuirl seconded. So voted (5 ayes, 0 nays)

MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET 2010/2011 MDF YTD Budget

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

Chairman deAngeli asked if Harbormaster Paterson had anything to report, since he was in attendance at the meeting.

Harbormaster Paterson stated the Ribcraft is being stored at the old highway barn and that the town mechanic is marine certified, so the winter storage and maintenance of the Ribcraft boat can be handled by the town.

Chairman deAngeli questioned Harbormaster Paterson on the status of the Coast Guard letter regarding the unregistered channel markers and buoys.

Harbormaster Paterson reported that Harbor Clerk Devlin will handle notifying the owners of the unpermitted buoys that they need to be registered, and registering them online.

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin had nothing to report.

Chairman deAngeli asked about the Coast Guard letter mailed to the town council regarding unpermitted navigation aids in town waters.

Harbor Clerk Devlin responded that she has spoken with the Coast Guard and is working on identifying which buoys are the town's, from the list provided of unpermitted navigation aids.

A discussion ensued on how the town should manage and handle the permitting of private navigational aids that are located in town waters, and that the Coast Guard is holding the town is responsible for.

Chairman deAngeli will compose language to be included in the Harbor Management Ordinance that will address the issue of unregulated and unpermitted navigation aids in town waters.

LIAISON REPORTS Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council Liaison Bob Bowen reported the town will probably place another advertisement in the Jamestown Press for volunteers to fill the vacancies on the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Town Council liaison Bowen also stated the town council is anxious to see the budget and financial plans for the upcoming fiscal year.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison Sousa stated that the Conservation Commission, along with Town Council Liaison Bowen and Commissioner McGuirl, have met and will be meeting with CRMC to ask for a recommendation on what action to take.

Town Council Liaison Bowen stated that it seems that Type II waters would be the most reasonable compromise. Meeting with CRMC is a great idea, so we can tell them what our goals are.

Vice-Chairman Kallfelz moved to move up Item 12(A), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (5 ayes, 0 nays)

OLD BUSINESS

A. Ft. Getty Water Designation Change

Commissioner McGuirl stated there are many reasons to protect the area adjacent to the Ft. Getty boat ramp, and he agrees that Type III waters will not provide adequate protection of sensitive areas.

ONGOING BUSINESS Budget

Commissioner Brown stated he does not have any budget information yet.

Chairman deAngeli stated that, under the new Harbor Management Ordinance, no budget will be approved without the Long Range Infrastructure plans and we (the Jamestown Harbor Commission) need to be proactive with the budget than in the past.

Commissioner McGuirl stated he would like to see money set aside for buoys to mark off the Conservation Zone in Sheffield Cove and to have Sam (Paterson) dive on and inspect the pilings at Ft. Getty outhauls.

Harbormaster Paterson stated he could do the diving in the spring when he is back on duty, after April 1, which would still allow for time to replace the pilings before the season really begins.

A discussion on the timing and having the necessary repairs completed before the season begins ensued.

Facilities

Commissioner Eichler was absent.

Mooring Implementation

Commissioner Cain had nothing to report.

Harbor Management Ordinance / Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan

Chairman deAngeli reviewed the newest version of the Harbor Management Ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2012 Permit Fees

1. Rates/regulation of riparian property outhauls

A discussion on the permitting and management of riparian outhauls ensued.

Chairman deAngeli will draft the language for potential inclusion in the Harbor Management Ordinance, so the town and the Harbormaster can regulate riparian outhauls.

B. West Ferry bulkhead construction details (if available)

Executive Director Keiser stated Town Engineer, Mike Gray will be coming forward with numbers for the project costs in January.

C. East Passage Estates Lot Owners Association request, re: Carr Lane access

Vice-Chairman Kallfelz moved to accept Items 14(A) and 14(B), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. USCG – Notice of Non-Permitted Private Aids to Navigation and Discrepancies; 10-17-11 (dated); 11-10-11 (received)

Discussed during the Harbor Clerk Report section of the agenda.

B. East Passage Estates Lot Owners Association; 11-17-11

Chairman deAngeli stated he is unclear as to why the letter regarding the maintenance of the Carr Lane Right-of-Way is addressed to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

A discussion on the maintenance of the Carr Lane Right-of-Way ensued.

Town Council Liaison Bowen stated there used to be room for three or four cars at the end of Carr Lane, but the area has since been washed out. The vegetation will need to be cleared and the area will need to be graded and filled.

Executive Director Keiser stated the town has always maintained the Right-of-Ways, through Recreation Department funds. The town will look into the issue.

Open Forum – Continued

Chairman deAngeli thanked Vice-Chairman Kallfelz for his service on the Jamestown Harbor Commission, and wished him well.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Kallfelz moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM, Commissioner Brown seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin Harbor Clerk