



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 12, 2021 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved:

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission was held Wednesday, May 12, 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 5:02 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Steven Bois, Commissioner
Glenn Skalubinski, Harbormaster
Randy White, Town Council Liaison

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
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, April 14, 2021

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

a. Carolyn Sears – Requesting that her relinquished mooring permit be re-instated

Carolyn Sears was unable to unmute her phone to speak at this time.

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

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to address at this time.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the Harbor Department is up and running for the season. The Ribcraft is in and the Freedom should be launched very soon. Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the touch and go docks are in and the pumpouts will be commissioned in the next few days.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that we are in the process of developing an anchoring registration system that includes a link to the Google doc to register anchored vessels.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that there is a resource called the Coastal Pilot that provides information for mariners which may be a good outlet to publish the anchoring information.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that, regarding the two boatyards that are for sale, there have not been any closings so the current owners are still in control of those facilities. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we did meet with a group of potential buyers for Dutch Harbor Boat Yard and that the Town has developed a process for answering questions for interested parties looking at purchasing the two businesses.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

a. Carolyn Sears – Requesting that her relinquished mooring permit be re-instated

Carolyn Sears joined the meeting and explained to the Jamestown Harbor Commission that she relinquished her mooring because she felt she had no other option.

Executive Director Chief Mello provided a timeline of the five Grace Period's Ms. Sears has used over the last 8 seasons, along with the appeals to the Jamestown Harbor Commission and to the Town Council.

Commissioner McCarthy stated that this seems like an ongoing issue, not a COVID issue, and asked why she hasn't used the mooring.

Ms. Sears stated that she plans to use the mooring this year.

A discussion ensued.

The item will be placed on the agenda for next month's meeting.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Harbormaster Skalubinski was not in attendance.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2020/2021

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

There was not a YTD budget available.

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

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

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we should try to schedule facilities tours for the newer members.

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 there is a Traffic Meeting scheduled directly after the Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting to discuss changes to the Traffic Ordinance to clean up some sections and to address overnight parking.

E. Gould Island Restoration Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Bois was not in attendance.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza had nothing to report.

B. Town Council Liaison Report - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Town Council Liaison White was not in attendance.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Sharon Purdie, Ted Sybertz, William Kalander, Alan and Lorraine Katz; Re: Opposition letter regarding Walrus and Carpenter's request to install upwellers at West Ferry

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Town Council had received an informal proposal from the owner of Walrus & Carpenter asking for permission to install upwellers at a West Ferry touch and go dock. The Town Council instructed the owner to file a formal proposal with the Jamestown Harbor Commission for review. There has not been a formal proposal submitted at this time.

Chairman Banks moved to accept the Correspondence; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal – Elena McCarthy; Request for a second Grace Period, 2/3/2021 - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Harbormaster may grant one Grace Period but additional requests must be heard by the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Ms. McCarthy was granted a Grace Period for the 2020 season and is requesting another Grace Period for the 2021 season.

Hugh Baertlein addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission on Elena McCarthy's behalf. Mr. Baertlein stated that his wife has accepted a job in London for five years. They would like to have a five year approval to have no boat on the mooring but it was explained to him that the Jamestown Harbor Commission cannot grant a five year Grace Period and that they must take it year by year.

Vice-Chairman Junge asked if they are returning to Jamestown and if they own property here.

Mr. Baertlein stated that, yes they own property and will be returning to Jamestown.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that if they are looking for multiple years for allowing a mooring to sit empty, he is not in favor of approving that.

A discussion ensued on the time a vessel needs to occupy a mooring to fulfill the use requirement.

Chairman Banks moved to approve the appeal; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 5 ayes (Chairman Banks, Commissioner Raynes, Commissioner McCarthy, Commissioner Lexow, Commissioner Wurzbacher), 1 (Vice-Chairman Junge) nay.

Commissioner Wurzbacher stated that this is the final Grace Period that he will support.

Executive Director Chief Mello clarified that, because the Grace Period has been granted the use requirement for this mooring cannot be met and no boat should be placed on the mooring for this season.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Raynes stated that we should invite the State Aquaculture expert to a meeting to discuss aquaculture.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he suspects there will be an opportunity for Ben Goetsch to attend a meeting, as the CRMC is developing a process for a plan for aquaculture throughout the State, not just Jamestown.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Kim has volunteered to sit on the board that will be developing a Special Action Management Plan (SAMP) for the State.

Chairman Banks asked if Walrus and Carpenter does submit a plan if the Jamestown Harbor Commission would get a vote.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Town Council would look to the Jamestown Harbor Commission for guidance, but the Jamestown Harbor Commission could not permit the upweller. The Town Council would be the one to permit or deny the application.

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza requested that the Conservation Commission be invited to the meeting if Ben is able to attend.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Junge moved to adjourn at 5:48 PM; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 1 (Raynes) nay.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk