



TOWN OF JAMESTOWN HARBOR COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 7/14/2021

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission was held Wednesday, June 9, 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
Richard Raynes, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Absent:

Steven Bois, Commissioner
Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Randy White, Town Council Liaison
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk
Glenn Skalubinski, Harbormaster

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 4 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 addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding her decision to relinquish her mooring permit last year, stating that she felt she had no choice due to the Covid pandemic.

Chairman Banks stated that he has read through the information she submitted to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Executive Director Chief Mello provided the timeline of non-use of the mooring since 2013 through July 2020 when Ms. Sears relinquished her permit. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the permit had been reassigned and that the person who accepted the new permit backed out, so the mooring location has not yet been reassigned.

Commissioner Lexow stated that there have been continuous reasons why this mooring has not been used over the years and he feels that this has gone as far as it should go.

Vice-Chairman Junge stated that this is not just about last year, that there is a continuous pattern of this mooring not being used over the years.

Ms. Sears stated that she has occupied the mooring since 1998 after being on the wait list since 1991, and that she has maintained her mooring as requested by the Town. Unfortunately, due to certain situations she has not been able to put a

boat on the mooring some years. Ms. Sears stated that this last year Covid was the only reason she was not able to launch her vessel, that she did not feel safe leaving her residence.

Commissioner Raynes asked Ms. Sears why she relinquished her mooring.

Ms. Sears stated that she felt guilty because she wouldn't be able to use the mooring and that she made a mistake by relinquishing the mooring. Now there are no moorings available and she has nowhere to place her vessel.

Chairman Banks asked Executive Director Chief Mello if he is looking for a vote.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission must decide if they will direct staff to reissue the mooring permit or if the mooring permit remains relinquished.

Chairman Banks moved to reissue the mooring permit to Ms. Sears; Commissioner Raynes seconded. Roll call vote: Chairman Banks – Aye; Commissioner Raynes – Aye; Vice-Chairman Junge – Nay; Commissioner Lexow – Nay. The motion did not carry and the permit remains relinquished.

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 had nothing to report.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Harbormaster Skalubinski reported that both vessels are deployed and he has been focused on enforcing the three day overnight anchoring. The mooring fields are starting to fill up and are at about 75% capacity.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2020/2021

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

Executive Director Chief Mello shared the budget to actual with the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we are at about 96% of our revenue budget and that Dutch Harbor has not yet paid their permit fees, which will bring us to at least 100% of estimated revenues when that payment is received.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the expenditures are tracking at about 40% which is deceptive, as there are a number of big ticket items that have not yet been accounted for. Overall, we are in great shape.

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 had nothing to report.

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 at the last Traffic Committee meeting the Committee recommended changes to the ordinance regarding overnight sticker parking to the Town Council.

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 thanked the Jamestown Harbor Commission for offering to host CRMC aquaculture specialist Ben Goetsch at a meeting.

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza reported that the ROW at Wickford Avenue has been cleared and there is an ongoing discussion on installing stairs at that location.

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

Town Council Liaison White had nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Carolyn Sears – Request to retain mooring in Dutch Harbor - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Banks moved to accept the correspondence; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Beach Permit Wait List and Renewal - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we are working on converting the beach permit wait list to Online Mooring. There are 225 wait list applications that have been entered and going forward all beach wait list applications will be submitted electronically and renewed each year like all of the other wait lists.

Vice-Chairman Junge stated that he has noticed that people are paying less for a mooring permit than a beach permit.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the mooring permit holders pay for their own tackle and the beach permit holders use Town provided structures, but that this is a topic we can address during the budget planning process.

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

Commissioner Raynes asked if anyone has heard anything about an electric cable being installed in West Passage.

Executive Director Chief Mello responded that, no, he has not heard anything.

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

Chairman Banks moved to adjourn at 5:35 PM; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk