



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the January 12, 2022 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 2/9/2022

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Junge called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Glenn Skalubinski, Harbormaster
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 8, 2021

Chairman Banks asked for a summary of the Old Ferry landing project.

Executive Director Chief Mello explained that the Town is looking into using Capital funds and grant money to refinish the surface and turn it into a sitting/observation area.

Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2021 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting; Commissioner Raynes seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

(Commissioner Wurzbacher arrived 5:07PM.)

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled Requests to Address.

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

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to Address.

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

A. Qualified Mooring Inspector Application Process

Executive Director Chief Mello requested that the Jamestown Harbor Commission refer to the Qualified Mooring Inspector application and approval letter included in the meeting packets. The application includes the responsibilities of the inspector and the agreement they are signing off on to be included on the inspector list. When the application is submitted by an inspector it is expected that they understand their responsibilities as outlined in the application. The responsibilities are also reiterated in the approval letter that is sent to the inspector when the Jamestown Harbor Commission approves the list. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that this information is relevant to the appeals that the Jamestown Harbor Commission will hear later in the meeting.

Executive Director Chief Mello also reported that the Town is working with the issuance company in relation to the repairs that are needed at West Ferry and Fort Getty due to storm damage. The Town is preparing documents to go out to bid on the repairs.

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

Commissioners Lexow and Raynes had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Banks reported that he had met with Chief and Kim to discuss the issue of adding moorings. Chairman Banks stated that we could legally add moorings with the approval of CRMC. Chairman Banks stated that there is room in the mooring fields for additional moorings; however, there are mitigating issues that we would have to navigate such as parking and dinghy space.

Commissioner Wurzbacher recused himself from the discussion.

Vice-Chairman Junge stated that Charlotte Zarlengo does not represent all of the residents of the shores.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that if the Commission has an appetite to pursue this course of action that we should add it to a future agenda.

Vice-Chairman Junge moved to add the potential addition of moorings to the February agenda; Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays (Wurzbacher, McCarthy recused).

D. Traffic Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Junge had nothing to report.

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.

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

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that the Town is still pricing out the replacement lights and addition of a camera and that this will not happen before the summer.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Appeal –Dutch Harbor Boat Yard; 1/4/2022; Re: Qualified Mooring Inspector (QMI) Application Submission and Request to be added to the QMI list - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

B. Appeal –Tri-State Dive Services; 1/3/2022; Re: Qualified Mooring Inspector (QMI) Application Submission and Request to be added to the QMI list - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

C. Email from Sam Paterson; 1/3/2022; Re: Not appealing the Jamestown Harbor Commission decision to remove him from the Qualified Mooring Inspector List

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that it is noteworthy to mention that Sam Paterson is not appealing the Jamestown Harbor Commission's decision to exclude Sam Paterson from the Qualified Mooring Inspector list.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appeal –Dutch Harbor Boat Yard; 1/4/2022; Re: Qualified Mooring Inspector (QMI) Application Submission and Request to be added to the QMI list - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Dutch Harbor Boat Yard has been in the process of transitioning to new owners and that submitting the QMI application fell through the cracks. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that it is the recommendation of Harbor Staff to approve Dutch Harbor Boat Yard as a Mooring Inspector.

Chairman Banks moved to add Dutch Harbor Boat Yard to the Qualified Mooring Inspector List; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Appeal –Tri-State Dive Services; 1/3/2022; Re: Qualified Mooring Inspector (QMI) Application Submission and Request to be added to the QMI list - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that it is recommendation of staff to not approve Tri-State Dive Services on the QMI list based on performance and compliance rates. We have documents from former clients and documents from staff as evidence as to why Harbor Staff is not recommending Tri-State for the QMI list. This is not a recommendation based on one mooring or one client, it is the continued non-compliance this company has shown over time.

Giovanni La Terra Bellina, on behalf of Nicholas Hentschell, owner of Tri-State Dive Services, stated that he cannot speak specifically to other moorings that he can only relate to the incident with Mr. Wiech and that mistakes were made.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that Tri-State Dive Service’s application was not submitted in a timely fashion for the 2021 season and that this is not about a specific mooring, that this is about a course of conduct over time where applications and inspection reports are not submitted in a timely fashion. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that it is very clear in the application process that inspection reports be entered within 72 hours of work being done in the waters of Jamestown.

Commissioner Bois asked what Nick will do to prevent this from happening again.

Nick stated that he will check his client list.

Commissioner McCarthy asked if this has happened before.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that yes, this is not a new issue from this company.

Nick Hentschell stated that he does not have 49 clients in Jamestown, as listed in Online Mooring, and he asked who the six clients are whose moorings were due for an inspection.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we will come back at the next meeting with more information.

Chairman Banks stated that we will add this item to the February agenda.

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 6:07 PM; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk