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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved:

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman
Ed McGuirl, Vice-Chairman
Bruce Dickinson, Commissioner
William Harsch, Commissioner
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner
Joseph McGrady, Commissioner

Absent:

Patrick Bolger, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Executive Director Chief Mello
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. April 8, 2015

Commissioner Harsch moved to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2015 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner McGrady seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

3. CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

5. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

No Scheduled requests to address.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address

No Non-Scheduled requests to address.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT

Executive Director Mello reported that the Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan is on the Town Council agenda and has been advertised for a public hearing to bring the document into DEM water quality compliance.

7. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2014/2015 MDF YTD Budget

The Marine Development Fund budget was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Commissioner Kurz moved to accept the document; Commissioner Harsch seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

8. HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported that permit renewals are being processed and there are no issues to report.

9. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Harbormaster Paterson reported that the Ribcraft is in the water and running well and the Eastern is going in this weekend. The Volvo race series is this weekend.

Chairman Cain asked if the channel markers are in.

Harbormaster Paterson responded that yes, they are in and in good shape.

Executive Director Mello stated that we changed vendors this year and revised the process, so the expense will increase. We are making an effort to improve the condition and service of the markers.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza reported that a gentleman presented an aquaculture plan to the Conservation Commission and stated he will be applying for a permit to run an aquaculture project on the southeast side of Dutch Island.

Executive Director Mello stated that there was a preliminary meeting with Dave Beutel and the application is for a unique arrangement of oysters and kelp. This plan does not appear to interfere with recreational boating.

11. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Budget

Commissioner Kurz had nothing to report.

B. Facilities

Commissioner McGuirl had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee

Chairman Cain reported that the Traffic Committee met last night and voted to recommend action on a portion of the roads south of the bridge in the shores. The action is with respect to parking and public safety. It is possible that Right-of-Way access will become a part of the discussion.

12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of updated 2015 Mooring Installer and Inspector List

Commissioner Dickinson moved to accept the updated mooring installer and inspector list; Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

B. Mr. Anthony Pinheiro – Request for permission to place upwellers at Ft. Getty dock

Chairman Cain began the discussion by stating that one thing the aquaculture applicant needs to do is obtain approval from the facility owner. The Jamestown Harbor Commission does not own the Ft. Getty dock, therefore the Town Council has to approve the use.

Executive Director Mello stated that the proposal is to modify an existing boat and install upwellers underneath that boat. That type of use is not either permitted or prohibited. One of the challenges is the zoning restriction that one cannot move product across Ft. Getty.

Mr. Pinheiro states that he will not be moving product through Ft. Getty, he will be moving product via sea transport to the aquaculture farm and that he understands he will have to go to the Town Council for approval, but is asking for approval from the Jamestown Harbor Commission. CRMC said if he has approval from the town then they will permit the project.

Chairman Cain stated that the discussion with the town should start with the zoning officer. Unclear what part we (the Jamestown Harbor Commission) will take after.

Mr. Pinheiro stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission is in charge of what happens to Ft. Getty dock and to go to the Town Council it will delay the growing season another month.

Executive Director Mello stated that this is uncharted territory for the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Commissioner Kurz questioned if the operation will be able to move during strong storms.

Mr. Pinheiro stated that it will not be an issue to move the upweller in a storm, and it can be moved on a trailer at any time. It is also a very short season.

Chairman Cain stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission cannot take legal action unless we are sure the Harbor Management Ordinance allows us to do so. We (The Jamestown Harbor Commission) would like to be able to help you but it is not defined in the ordinance. Chairman Cain stated that he looked to other towns and states and found a Maine upweller report to read and educate himself on the subject. Chairman Cain suggested Mr. Pinheiro take the Maine report to the members of the boards and councils so they understand what you want to do .

Mr. Pinheiro stated he came to the Jamestown Harbor Commission on the recommendation of Town Administrator Andy Nota.

Vice-Chairman McGuirl stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission should possibly get some clarification from the Town Council regarding situations such as this. We (the Jamestown Harbor Commission) should know what we need in the Harbor Management Ordinance that will either permit or prohibit a certain activity and vote to codify the regulations in the Harbor Management Ordinance for the future so it is clear what is allowed.

Commissioner McGrady stated he wished we saw this application six months ago.

Chairman Cain suggested that Mr. Pinheiro mention the time issue during meetings with other authorities.

Mr. Pinheiro questioned what he would need to do at zoning.

Commissioner Kurz stated that it would be a good idea to clarify that you are not going to carry product across town property.

Executive Director Mello mentioned that there is a Town Council meeting on Monday and suggested Mr. Pinheiro put together a presentation for council.

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza suggested Mr. Pinheiro attend the Conservation Commission meeting tomorrow.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

A. CRMC – Re: Public Notice 4/3/2015

B. CRMC – Re: Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 4/10/2015

C. CRMC – Re: April 2015 Calendar; 4/13/2015

D. CRMC – Re: Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 4/20/2015

E. Antonio Pinheiro – Re: Request to place an upweller at Ft. Getty; 4/23/2015

F. CRMC – Re: May 2015 Calendar, 5/8/2015

G. CRMC – Re: Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 5/8/2015

Vice-Chairman McGuirl moved to accept Correspondence items 13(A-E); Commissioner Dickinson seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

15. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED

Executive Director Mello stated that he expects Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to be very busy for the Volvo race. Also, a few applications have been received for the Assistant Harbormaster position and Executive Director Mello will be putting together a safe boating course.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Cain moved to adjourn at 7:15 PM, Vice-Chairman McGuirl seconded. So voted; (7 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk