



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 4/13/2022

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Junge called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Wayne Banks, Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
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, February 9, 2022

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to approve the February 9, 2022 minutes of the Jamestown Harbor Commission; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that Tri State Dive Services has filed an appeal with the Town Council regarding the Qualified Mooring Inspector list.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that he met with the Harbormaster and is preparing for the upcoming season.

V. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2020/2021

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

The year to date budget was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we are in good financial shape and are still receiving money from permit renewals.

VI. 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 and had nothing to report.

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

Chairman Banks was absent.

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.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

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

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza reported that he has submitted a document for inclusion on the next agenda regarding rights of ways in Jamestown.

(Commissioner McCarthy arrived 5:03.)

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

Town Council Liaison White reported that Ms. Zarlengo attended a Town Council meeting and stated that she is concerned with the objectivity of the Jamestown Harbor Commission when discussing moorings at Head's Beach.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Touch and Go Signs - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that, during the site visit to East Ferry, some commission members expressed concern that the public touch and go space was not clearly marked. Executive Director Chief Mello presented an example of the signage we will place, seaward facing, at all of the public touch and go docks at East and West Ferry.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we will be working on revising the Harbor Guidebook and once the rules are adopted, we will post the signs.

B. Mooring Capacity in Town Mooring Areas - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Vice-Chairman Junge stated that he will present this topic at next month's meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Roland and Jan Cavanagh – Re: East and West Ferry public docks and pumpouts - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Bois moved to accept Correspondence item A; Vice-Chairman Junge seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Transfer of Conanicut Marine commercial mooring permits to TPG - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we had met with representatives from Conanicut Marine and TPG and went over the requirements for the transfer to occur. We have not been provided those documents from other agencies at this time.

Christian Infantolino, representative of Conanicut Marine, presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission his opinion that the Jamestown Harbor Commission can approve the transfer without additional documentation.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that there is one permit issued by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and that Conanicut Marine wants to transfer 150 moorings to TPG and to retail 10 for Conanicut Marine. At no time did the ACOE and CRMC indicate that they do not have jurisdiction. If ACOE and CRMC agree that this is a Town issue then we would like that in writing.

X. 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

Commissioner Raynes moved to adjourn at 6:20 PM; Commissioner Bois seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk