



**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the May 11, 2022 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission

Approved: As amended June 8, 2022

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Wayne Banks called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

Wayne Banks, Chairman

Michael Junge, Vice-Chairman

Steven Bois, Commissioner

Richard Raynes, Commissioner

Eric Lexow, Commissioner

Jessica McCarthy, Commissioner (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

Absent:

Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Richard Raynes, Commissioner

Also, in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director

Roberta Fagan, Town Clerk

Glenn Skalubinski, Harbormaster

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Wednesday, April 13, 2022

At 5:02 p.m. Chairman Banks moved to approve the April 13, 2022 minutes of the Jamestown Harbor Commission; Vice-Chairman Junge second. 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

There were no Non-Scheduled Requests to Address

IV. Executive Director Report

Nothing to report.

V. Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Skalubinski reported on the following:

The wood piers and the touch & go docks were power washed recently; repairs to the East Ferry touch & go docks are ongoing and Harbormaster Skalubinski was coordinating with the welders to ensure the repairs are done properly. Once the repairs are complete the pump-outs will be installed in East and West Ferry.

Mooring assignments -13 moorings have been relinquished. Vice-Chair Junge questioned where the 13 relinquished moorings were located. The Harbor Commission will need more detail on the location of relinquished mooring fields in the future. Harbormaster Skalubinski reported that they are in several different fields. 104 applicants are on the waitlist. Chairman Banks asked if the number of relinquished moorings would typically be in the same range on an annual basis. Executive Director Mello reported that the number of relinquished moorings typically would be less than 20-25 annually.

VI. Year-to-Date Financial Report

The year-to-date budget was not available.

VII. Sub-Committee Reports

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

Commissioners Lexow & Raynes had nothing to report.

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

Chairman Banks had nothing to report

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

Chairman Banks had nothing to report

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

Vice-Chairman Junge had nothing to report

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

Chairman Bois reported the Committee has a scheduled meeting on June 16, 2022.

VIII. Liaison Reports

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

Conservation Commission Liaison L. Orsi was not in attendance.

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

A. Conanicut Marine Commercial Permit Transfer to TPG - Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Mello briefed the Harbor Commission on the following: Conanicut Marine Services, Inc. (CMS) had provided information on vessels and mooring assignments that were in question at the last Harbor Commission meeting and boats that had been previously assigned to those moorings.-10 mooring locations 8 current vessels with 2 vessels pending. Harbormaster Skalubinski examined the tackle, inspection dates of the tackle, and previous vessel information regarding size, swing, and weight for the 7 moorings; and concluded that there are no concerns about the transfer of the moorings and vessel assignment.

Chairman Banks asked if the commercial mooring fee had been determined? Executive Director Mello stated that the fee would be a commercial rate based on the proposed commercial vessels. If there are additional moorings permitted with no vessel assignment, the fee will be calculated on the average of the 8 known commercial vessels and the assessed fee would be based on that average.

Atty. Christian Infantolino, representing CMS, dispersed additional data detailing the commercial mooring breakdown in Jamestown from 2018 thru 2021; and gave a brief history of the development of the East Ferry Mooring field and the evolution of the CMS business. In 2021 CMS modified the business model, and sold a majority of the business assets to TPG Conanicut Marina LLC, which included 150 of the 160 commercial moorings previously owned by CMS. CMS would be continuing as a commercial mooring operator and the 10 moorings would continue to be utilized for the Jamestown Newport Ferry (JNF) as well as available to the public when not being used by JNF vessels. There is no proposed change in the use of the moorings.

Commissioner Bois asked a clarifying question, would the 10 moorings be used for the fleet of 8 commercial vessels, and the other 2 would be available to anyone; but primary use would be to expand the new CMS business model?

Commissioner Lexow questioned if the request was for 10 or 12 moorings.

Chairperson Banks asked whether there would be competition for slip space at TPG if CMS vessels were utilizing slips as well?

Mr. Munger explained that the JNF vessels primarily operate in Newport Harbor. The remaining CMS assets would continue to be used to support the JNF operations, and CMS has leased some space back fromTPG.

Chairman Banks moved to approve the ten moorings to be transferred by Conanicut Marine Services with a second by Vice-Chairman Junge. So Voted: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

X. Correspondence

A. CMS request to retain 10 moorings

Chairman Banks moved to approve the Correspondence with a second by Vice-Chairman Junge. So Voted: 6 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. New Business

None

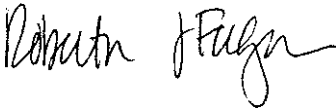
XII. Open Forum - Continued {If necessary) -

XIII. Executive Director's Report (continued)

Executive Director Mello reported that on April 25th the Town Council heard the appeal of Tri-State Dive Services. The Town Council upheld the February 17, 2022 decision of the Jamestown Harbor Commission not to approve Tri-State Dive Services, Inc. as a qualified mooring inspector for the Town of Jamestown pursuant to Section 78-30 of the Jamestown Code of Ordinances for the 2022 season.

XIV. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roberta J. Fagan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "F".

Roberta J. Fagan, Town Clerk