

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION MOORING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Approved: 2/14/24

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) Mooring Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. with the following present: Wayne Banks, Chairman, Mark Campbell, Commissioner, Steven Bois, Harbor Director, Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk.

The topic of discussion was the way the Harbor Department is managing the moorings and wait lists. The Harbor Director has added the different mooring fields and the individual moorings to the chart in Online Mooring so harbor staff can see who is in what mooring field, and where the riparian moorings are. In addition to the mooring fields and moorings, the chart also shows anchorage areas and conservation areas. There was discussion about the appearance that some moorings are in the conservation areas and the need for validation of the GPS coordinates.

Executive Director Bois stated that he would like to make changes to how moorings and the wait lists are managed:

- Enforcement of registrations being in the Online Mooring accounts;
- Top 5 on each mooring area wait list must have a boat registered in the Online Mooring account;
- The Grace Period request would now be approved by the Harbor Commission, along with a temporary mooring transfer to someone on the wait list, if applicable;
- No commercial businesses should be allowed to have a private mooring;
- No more moorings would be granted to yacht clubs;

Executive Director Bois also discussed potential changes that would only apply to the East and West Ferry mooring areas:

- 1 mooring only per individual e.g. if someone has a mooring in East Ferry, that person would not be allowed to have a mooring in West Ferry. If a person is already on the wait list for a second mooring, they would be at the bottom of the wait list;
- Riparian property owners would only be granted one mooring. If they want a second guest mooring, they would have to go on the wait list;
- A mooring offer may only be declined once, if an offer is declined a second time, the person will go to the bottom of the wait list;
- The harbormaster should have the authority to declare a vessel unseaworthy;
- No dinghies/kayaks on outhauls;

There was some discussion about whether the Town could restrict riparian property moorings, and whether these changes should be added to the Harbor Ordinance under review or if they should be added to the Harbor Rulebook. Executive Director Bois stated he was going to present the changes to the full Harbor Commission at next week's meeting.

The meeting concluded at 3:07 p.m.

Attest,

  
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Joan Rich, Harbor Clerk