



**TOWN OF WESTBROOK**  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2020**  
**WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**Attendance/Roll Call:** John Rie, Chairman; Evan Cusson, Vice Chair; Dean Artkop, Andy Calderoni, Tom Fahey, Lee McNamar, Gary Nolf, Ronny Stevenson and Harry Plaut, Harbormaster

**Excused Absences:** Bob Charrette

**Staff Present:** Kathy King, Recording Clerk

**Call to order:** J. Rie called the meeting to order and led the “Pledge of Allegiance” at 6:00 p.m.

**Bills to be paid:**

**Motion to** approve the January time sheet for Kathleen King for \$87.68 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by T. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Motion to** reimburse H. Plaut \$44.66 for Staples to pay for computer toner was made by E. Cusson; seconded by T. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Minutes: January 21, 2020**

**Motion to** approve the meeting minutes of January 21, 2020 as presented was made by E. Cusson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

**Correspondence:**

There was no new correspondence.

**Harbormaster’s Report:**

H. Plaut received a call about Coast Guard Buoy #4 near the entrance to the Patchogue River, closest to shore that broke loose. There is no chain, no shackles. It was on the beach. H. Plaut called the Coast Guard so they can pick it up.

H. Plaut deposited money for 5 permits. There are 11 Patchogue River moorings available. He notified J. Angelini, Town Clerk, about the moorings available and the breakaway buoy.

There is a Harbormaster training course at the CT DEEP in Old Lyme. H. Plaut said if any commission members were interested in attending, he would be happy to give them information.

### **Chairman's Report:**

There was nothing new to report.

### **Old Business: as needed**

### **New Business:**

#### **1. Patchogue Mooring Rentals – 2020 outreach and results**

H. Plaut said that Piling #8 will be replaced.

#### **2. Beach Moorings 2020**

- **Enforcement methods**

The beach mooring permits are due by 7/15/2020. If they are not registered and paid for, or buoys/tackle are deemed dangerous, they will be pulled. The removal cost will be \$100.00.(See motion in next paragraph). Harbormaster reinstallation will be \$100.00 plus the \$20 permit fee. The person would also have to meet the tackle requirements which often would require purchasing new tackle.

**Motion to charge non-compliant mooring holders \$100.00 to reclaim their harbormaster pulled mooring was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson**  
All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Violation stickers will be placed on unregistered, dangerous or noncompliant moorings by July 15. Offenders will have three weeks to respond to the Harbormaster before their tackle is pulled (see above).

There was discussion about fines and keeping people in compliance with the mooring registration. H. Plaut suggested a re-inspection fee instead of a fine. Fines for non-compliance with regulations were discussed and, for this season, discarded. The Commissioners felt that educating people into compliance with regulations was the Commission's priority. It was noted that mooring tackle owners are responsible for having their tackle inspected annually.

Moorings need to be placed a safe distance from the shore. Boats need to be anchored or moored further out than jet ski moorings

J. Rie will put something in Westbrook Events that mooring holders are responsible for inspection their own moorings and tackle as well as other information, in the next issue of Westbrook Events.

### **3. CT DEEP Certificates of Permission (COP)**

**Motion** to add the two CT DEEP Certificate of Permission (COP) applications was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The HMC received a copy of a CT DEEP Certificate of Permission (COP) application for emergency work required to stabilize the existing concrete seawall located at 162 Little Stannard Beach Road, Map 182, Lot 33, Land of George Whelen, IV.

The HMC received a copy of a CT DEEP Certificate of Permission (COP) application for emergency work required to stabilize the existing stone masonry seawall located at 164 Little Stannard Beach Road, Map 182, Lot 34, Land of Michael Gross and Yesenia Rivera Gross.

**Motion** to not object to the two COP applications was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

J. Rie will send letters to the CT DEEP notifying them that the Harbor Management Commission has no objections to either of the COPs.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. was made R. Stevenson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kathleen King*  
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Recording Clerk