



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM JANUARY 28, 2020
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: Evan Cusson, Vice Chair; Dean Artkop, Tom Fahey, Ronny Stevenson, Andy Calderoni and Harry Plaut, Harbormaster

Excused Absences: John Rie, Chairman; Bob Charrette, Lee McNamar and Gary Nolf

Staff Present: Kathy King, Recording Clerk

Guest: Bud Kane

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

Bills to be paid:

Motion to approve the November time sheet for Kathleen King for \$105.21 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by T. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Minutes: November 26, 2019

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 26, 2019 as presented was made by T. Fahey; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There were two pieces of correspondence: Notice of Non-Compliance from RACE from the CT DEEP for 205-209 Old Mail Trail for a fence and a Letter of Transmittal from the CT DEEP Certificate of Permission Application for the Kirtland Landing Boat Ramp and Facility Improvements dated 1/8/2020.

Harbormaster’s Report:

H. Plaut received seven permits in the mail. Two are Patchogue River moorings. There are thirteen River moorings left. Five beach moorings were received.

H. Plaut received reports of two missing moorings. They may have been lost in storms.

Chairman's Report: reported by J. Rie

At our November meeting, the HMC approved spending up to \$5000 for buoy and mooring maintenance, as the Patchogue River moorings were all removed. For the chairman's report, a subcommittee consisting of Evan Cusson, Gary Nolf, Tom Fahey and myself met with the Harbormaster in December. At that meeting it was decided that all the mooring balls for the Patchogue River Moorings should be replaced, and that five 200-pound mushroom anchors should be purchased to replace 100 pound mushrooms on some of the moorings. Harry also asked for seizing wire and 36 new shackles for those moorings. No other parts are necessary to refurbish the moorings. The committee agreed with the recommendations, and two resulting invoices were paid in December. The invoices were to H S Plaut Environmental Company, LLC in the amounts of \$2054 and \$2970, for a total of \$5024, or \$24 more that the HMC approved in November. After payment of those invoices and the invoices to remove and rebuild the Patchogue River moorings, there is approximately \$3000 left in the special reserve fund for Patchogue River moorings and removal of derelict beach moorings. Re-placement of the Patchogue River moorings will be paid of out that same fund. At a meeting January 9, the BOS was presented with, and approved, the FY 2021 budget of \$11,300. The Foard of Finance must yet approve the budget, meeting date not yet determined.

Old Business: as needed

New Business:

1. Patchogue Mooring Rentals – 2020 outreach and results

There are thirteen mooring rentals left according to H. Plaut. They are available first come, first served.

- **Number of mooring applications sent out**

H. Plaut mailed out letters to mooring holders in the fall 2019.

- **Notice of status of Patchogue moorings to Town Clerk (mooring holder, location, vacant moorings, etc.)**

There will be a chart prepared for the Town Clerk with this information.

2. Beach Moorings 2020

- **Plan to distribute applications**

Four beach moorings have been received.

- **Plan for in-person applications**

There will be two mooring application nights, both on Thursdays since the Town Hall is open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. They will be on May 21, 2020 and June 18, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. An announcement will go on the electronic sign, in Westbrook Events, the Harbor News and on the town web site.

- **Plan for communication with Kathy King who will record beach mooring holders on a spreadsheet**

H. Plaut will create and maintain the beach mooring spreadsheet since he receives the applications, and he will forward a copy to K. King a week prior to the monthly HMC meeting. She will then distribute it to the Commission.

- **Plan for outreach and marking/removal of derelict beach moorings (continuation of December committee discussion).**

A letter was sent to mooring holders which creates more awareness about derelict beach moorings. This information will be submitted to Westbrook Events, Harbor News, the town web site and will be put on the electronic sign.

3. Plan for replacement of #8 marker piling.

H. Plaut will call CT Dock and Dredge and ask them to put the piling in. He will check with Dave Russell about a sign to mark it. The rest of the Town owned moorings are in good shape and do not need to be replaced at this time.

B. Kane reported that the bolts on the ladder at the Town Dock need to be replaced. They are completely rusted out. R. Stevenson will take a look and report back to the Commission and get an estimate to repair it. B. Kane suggested moving the ladder to one of the ends of the dock instead of in the middle of it.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. was made A. Calderoni; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King

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