



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 23, 2021
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Evan Cusson, Vice Chair; Dean Arktop, Andy Calderoni, Bob Charrette, Tom Fahey, Gary Nolf, Harry Plaut Harbormaster; Dave Russell Assistant Harbormaster; and Ronny Stevenson

Absent: Lee McNamar

Call to order: J. Rie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Correspondence:

J. Rie received notification about a COP (Certificate of Permission) for 46 Indian Trail for a dock modification. This is just a notification from the CT DEEP. The HMC does not need to take any action.

Minutes:

Motion to approve the January 19, 2021 Harbor Management Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Bills:

Harbormaster's Report:

H. Plaut reported that he's been getting a lot of complaints about the dredging in the harbor. There was a lack of notification and communication about the dredging. H. Plaut only found out about the dredging because of the complaints he received. The HMC needs to come up with a communication system with the marinas for dredging and other things that may impact the harbor.

The manager at Pilot's Point talked with J. Rie, and said in the future, he will notify the HMC.

H. Plaut said that per the State Statutes, it's the Harbormaster's responsibility to notify the public of any activity going on in the harbor. J. Rie suggested putting a notice on the Town web site about dredging.

J. Rie said the HMC or H. Plaut should send a letter to the Westbrook marinas asking them to notify the Harbormaster and the HMC when they will be dredging.

H. Plaut said moving forward the HMC needs to approve some of the docks before they go to the CT DEEP for final approval. J. Rie said the CT DEEP notified the HMC that they do not need to approve the docks. Docks are approved only by the CT DEEP.

H. Plaut reported that he is registered to be part of the Collect System, to obtain information for all vessels. He can access information for unregistered boats and assist marinas for information on boats. He cannot use this information for personal reasons.

Chairman's Report:

J. Rie said the HMC budget has been approved as submitted for next year by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen. It will go to Public Meeting for final approval.

J. Rie will be submitting an article to Westbrook Events Magazine. He will write about dredging, mooring permits and mooring inspection requirements.

Old Business

1. Beach Mooring Discussion

There's nothing new to discuss.

2. Patchogue River Mooring Discussion

H. Plaut reported that there are still 9 Patchogue River moorings available.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King
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Recording Clerk