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TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR APRIL 26, 2022
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
866 Boston Post Road, Mulvey Municipal Building
6:00 p.m., Multi-Media Meeting Room

Attendance/Roll Call: Evan Cusson, Vice Chairman; Dean Arktop, Andy Calderoni, Bob Charrette, Gary Nolf, Mike Panella, Harry Plaut, Harbormaster; and Ronny Stevenson

Absent: John Rie, Chairman; Tom Fahey, Dave Russell, Assistant Harbormaster

Also Present: Recording Clerk Kathleen King

Call to order: Vice Chairman Evan Cusson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: March 22, 2022

Motion to approve the March 22, 2022 Harbor Management Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by D. Arktop. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Bills:

Motion to approve Invoice 4656 for \$3,131.43 from H. S. Plaut Environmental Company, LLC for 8 buoys scraped of barnacles, two 150-pound pyramid anchors, chain, shackles, swivels and labor. The motion was made by G. Nolf; seconded by B. Charrette. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Invoice 4698 for \$1,400.00 from H. S. Plaut Environmental Company, LLC for installation of 3 danger rocks, installation of 1 red channel marker 6A and installation of 4 slow no wake buoys. The motion was made by A. Calderoni; seconded by D. Arktop. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Harbormaster's Report:

R. Stevenson said that one of the no wake buoys is in the middle of the channel. It's the buoy that's furthest north. It has to be moved to the east. R. Stevenson said it sits in 9 feet of water. If it has 30 feet of chain, it may have moved. H. Plaut said he can't shorten the length of chain. He said there's the possibility it will snap in a bad storm. He explained that the length of the chain this year may be different from the length of chain used last year. H. Plaut said he will move it tomorrow, April 27.

E. Cusson asked H. Plaut to check to make sure the No Wake buoys are in line with the red and green channel markers. H. Plaut will check the length of the chain. Shortening it may solve the problem.

The porta potty is now in place at the Town Dock.

John Rie talked with the Army Corps of Engineers about the piling in the channel. The suggestion given was to dig around it.

Online permitting for the mooring permits is in process. H. Plaut has collected eighteen mooring permits so far this year.

H. Plaut talked with First Selectman Town Hall. The signs can be put back on Duck Island the first weekend in May.

This coming weekend is the Essex Boat Show.

Chairman's Report:

- **Report on meeting with First Selectman John Hall and Representative Joe Courtney**

E. Cusson reported that he had a meeting with First Selectman John Hall and Representative Joe Courtney about dredging. The Currituck is having work done on it, so they need to find a new dredger. The real issue is finding a place where the dredge spoils can be taken and securing the funds. J. Courtney is working on this. Once this is resolved, dredging will become much easier. The last dredging in Westbrook was 10-12 years ago.

Online Mooring Progress Report

This was discussed under Harbormaster's Report.

Patchogue River Dredging Report

Coral Siligato from the Army Corps of Engineers said although the Patchogue River is on the list of projects, until it's scheduled, it's not a definite that Westbrook will receive the funds. There is a possibility dredging can be done in June.

2022-2023 Budget Status Report

E Cusson attended the budget meeting. The Harbor Management Commission's budget was approved as submitted.

There was discussion about the purchase of a boat that would be jointly owned by the HMC and the Police Department. The Town is considering the purchase of an 18'-20' used boat. The money will not be available until the new fiscal year begins, July 1, 2022.

New Business

- **No Wake Buoy Replacement**

This was discussed under the Harbormaster's Report.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. was made by G. Nolf; seconded by M. Panella. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathleen King, Recording Clerk