



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM JUNE 23, 2020
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Virtual Meeting

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Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Evan Cusson, Vice Chair; Bob Charrette, Tom Fahey, Lee McNamar, Gary Nolf, Ronny Stevenson and Harry Plaut, Harbormaster

Excused Absences: Andy Calderoni and Dean Arktop

Bob Charrette was seated to vote.

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

Minutes:

Motion to approve the May 26, 2020 Harbor Management Commission Meeting Minutes as submitted was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to add Buoy Maintenance to the agenda was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to add discussion of sunken dinghy at Wetmore Marine was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Bills:

Motion to pay Olsen Sanitation \$100.00 for the port a potty for June was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Recording Clerk Kathy King \$75.99 was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$1,775.00 for Invoice #3191 dated 5/11/20 for installation of 10 Patchogue River moorings and 5 buoys was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$179.00 for Invoice #3102 dated 5/15/20 for removal of a dead seal was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$960.00 for rock buoy maintenance outside of Salt Island was made E. Cusson; seconded by L. McNamar. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$375.00 for Invoice #3240 dated 6/9/20 for installing 2 rock buoys and removing one was made R. Stevenson; seconded by L. McNamar. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$700.00 for Invoice #3252 dated 6/14/20 for installing 7 Patchogue River moorings and to pay Harry Plaut \$250.00 to install and remove one danger rocks buoy which drifted away to Kelsey Point was made E. Cusson; seconded by L. McNamar. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to pay Harry Plaut \$1,683.00 for 3 sets of danger rock graphics, labor to install the graphics and a 200-pound mushroom buoy, chain and shackles was made E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Dave Russell ordered some signs from Lighthouse Printing: 2 red and green panels for the marker pilings #7 & #8 & mid channel marker, they're on the piling. H. Plaut will pay \$270.00, and the HMC will pay \$135.00 was made E. Cusson; seconded by L. McNamar. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

At the end of the fiscal year, there will be money left in the mooring fund, in the equipment and maintenance fund, and in the mooring maintenance fund.

Harbormaster's Report:

H. Plaut reported said he received letters from CT DEEP regarding non-compliance for the following:

Grove Beach Point Association -They need to reduce the size of their float.

42 Indian Trail – They need to remove dock and associated pilings because the dock sticks out in the channel.

Old Mail Trail -They need to remove dock and associated pilings because the dock sticks out in the channel.

H. Plaut picked up 17 mooring permits that were mailed to the Town Hall. There are 2 river moorings permits and 15 beach mooring permits. He was called about a mushroom anchor left by the side of the road. He's going to remove it tomorrow, 6/24/20.

Chairman's Report:

J. Rie went with H. Plaut to properly relocate all of the Patchogue River moorings. The outer line of Patchogue River moorings should be 100' from the pilings at Harry's Marine.

Patchogue River Moorings:

CT DEEP feels the HMC should be policing the docks. The HMC has said they will not police the docks. If CT DEEP has an issue with someone's dock, they will let the HMC know.

Harry said he thinks 11 Patchogue River mooring permits have come in, but he has to confirm. There are 15 Patchogue River moorings in the water now. There are 4 more available.

J. Rie explained that D. Russell would like to purchase one more no wake buoy. H. estimated that it will cost \$410.00. H. Plaut said he has brand new 3/8" chain which can be used for the buoy.

Motion to pay \$410.00 for a no wake buoy was made E. Cusson; seconded by B. Charrette. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Beach Moorings

There are 27 beach moorings. The HMC agreed unanimously to hold off on mooring enforcement this year due to the Covid 19 pandemic and the delays in collecting mail due to limited access to the Town Hall.

At Grove Beach last Saturday, H. Plaut pulled a derelict Mushroom buoy. It has a fender on it as a marker.

There's a beer keg mooring that H Plaut will pull at the beach It has a violation sticker on it currently. T. Fahey said that he knows the people who own the beer keg mooring, and he'll ask them to remove it. G. Nolf lives nearby the owner of that buoy. He'll talk with them also.

E. Cusson asked about the no wake buoy in the Channel. He saw someone hit it this weekend. He said the red buoy is further out than the green buoy, so people have to go farther out to pull around it. J. Rie said D. Russell can move it. E. Cusson will talk with D. Russell about it.

J. Rie said he was notified that there is a sunken dinghy in the mud at Wetmore's Marine. Someone from Wetmore's picked it up, and it sunk. They would like the HMC to pick it up. The CT DEEP was notified. The HMC felt removal of the dinghy is not their responsibility

There will be a subcommittee meeting in the near future to discuss H. Plaut's one-year review. J. Rie will set up a zoom meeting for that.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was made 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