



TOWN OF WESTBROOK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

UNAPPROVED MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2019
WESTBROOK HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Attendance/Roll Call: John Rie, Chairman; Bruce Lawrence, Former Harbormaster Ex Officio Member; Bill Angelini, Bob Charrette, Evan Cusson, Tom Fahey, Lee McNamar, Gary Nolf, Ronny Stevenson and Andy Calderoni

Guest: Howard “Bud” Kane

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

Motion to add under New Business the Palumbo Dock and Wetmore Marina by E. Cusson; seconded by R. Stevenson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Bills to be paid:

Motion to pay Recording Clerk Kathy King \$90.80 was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Minutes: January 22, 2019

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 22, 2019 as presented with the following amendments: remove Joel Palumbo from New Business. The commission decided not to act on it. Change the wording under New Business #1, page 2, paragraph 2, for the sentence to read, *Everything will be over 10 feet outside the channel lines*, was made by R. Stevenson; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Correspondence:

There was no new correspondence.

Chairman’s Report:

J. Rie said the dredging is on schedule. The HMC budget was approved as submitted by the Board of Selectmen. The budget will go to the Board of Finance March 11 for approval.

Harbormaster’s Report:

B. Lawrence has sent thirteen bills out for the Patchogue Moorings. Seven payments have been received out of the thirteen that were sent.

There was a written recommendation from Beebe Dock and Mooring Systems for some work to be done on the no wake buoys. B. Lawrence will let Beebe know that there are materials that can be obtained from the Town Garage, and Beebe's can do the work.

John Bentley passed away. B. Lawrence said the Bentley family contacted him to see if he knew of anyone would be interested in purchasing J. Bentley's 30' sailboat.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. Executive Session: Harbormaster Position – Meeting with candidate Scott Mitchell, Harbormaster in Old Saybrook

Motion to enter Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. Bud Kane, Kathy King and Bruce Lawrence were all invited into Executive Session. This motion was made by E. Cusson; seconded by G. Nolf. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 6:49 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by T. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

2. Harbor Lines south of Route 1 on the Patchogue River

J. Rie distributed an email that he sent to Keith Nielson from Docko on 1/25/2019 regarding the Palumbo Dock. This email contained clarification from Town Attorney Michael Wells with supporting information from Section 8-2c of the Town Ordinance about the encroachment of a dock within the Harbor Lines.

The Commission would like to see a drawing of the dock in relationship to the Harbor Lines. They decided to table this discussion until that information has been provided from Docko.

The Commission discussed whether or not they should propose a change to the Town Ordinance Section 8-2c regarding the encroachment of the harbor lines and channel lines in the Harbor Management Plan.

3. Wetmore Marina- Modification of Special Permit- 362 & 372 Boston Post Road

The Zoning Commission asked the HMC to review this application in an advisory capacity. J. Rie read aloud comments regarding the Coastal Site Plan Review sent to the ZC from the CT DEEP on 2/25/2019. The CT DEEP does not recommend approval of

this permit. They recommend withdrawal or denial without prejudice. The HMC agreed to table action on the application until a revised plan is received.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss the interview with Harbormaster candidate Scott Mitchell. Bud Kane, Kathy King and Bruce Lawrence were all invited into Executive Session. This motion was made by E. Cusson; seconded by T. Fahey. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Motion to exit Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. was made by E. Cusson; seconded by B. Angelini. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

The Commission has decided to offer Scott Mitchell the job of Harbormaster. T. Fahey offered to develop an outline of duties and approaches for the Harbormaster for the first year. He will send it to J. Rie who will then distribute it to Commission members for their feedback and input.

There was also discussion about the cost and options of pulling moorings and about dates for the mailings for mooring registration.

A. Calderoni offered to compose a letter to send mooring owners for registration

B. Lawrence will send a list of mooring holders to K. King. She will develop and maintain a spreadsheet of this information for the HMC.

The date for mooring registration at Town Hall is going to be Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Which room they use is to be determined.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. was made by T. Fahey; seconded by E. Cusson. All members voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen King

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Recording Clerk

