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Minutes of the April 11, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting

Approved: 5/9/2012

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman  
David Cain, Commissioner  
Chris Brown, Commissioner  
Ed McGuirl, Commissioner  
Patrick Bolger, Commissioner  
Jake Farrell, Commissioner  
Larry Eichler, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
Bob Bowen, Town Council Liaison  
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison  
Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 14, 2012

Commissioner Cain moved to accept the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays)

### CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session.

### OPEN FORUM

#### Scheduled Requests to Address

No Scheduled requests to address.

#### Non-scheduled Requests to Address

William Tuthill addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission regarding the Aquidneck Ferry proposal to dock in Jamestown.

Commissioner Cain moved to move up item 12(A), Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

### OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Aquidneck Ferry

Mr. Tuthill is opposed to the idea based on a number of concerns, such as: the size and weight of the vessel may damage town docks, there are no handicap accessible ramps or gangways going down to the touch and go docks, and the strong current makes it difficult to navigate to the docks. Also, if one privately owned ferry is allowed to dock there, why can't they all? Then the touch and go dock, paid for by private mooring permit holders, will become a place of business and the purpose it was intended for will be lost.

Captain Addison Closson addressed the commission and stated he has submitted a revised plan for Jamestown residents.

He also stated the ferry is a public mode of transportation, similar to a RIPTA bus, with unique handicapped accessibility.

Chairman deAngeli asked Mr. Closson about the maneuverability of the vessel and mentioned he had been made aware of an accident the Aquidneck Ferry had in Providence.

Mr. Closson stated that the ferry has twin-diesel 23" props and, when the accident occurred, one of the props was out and he was trying to dock when a pin in the transmission snapped. The ferry has been fully refurbished and repaired. He has been granted a "Harbor Ferry" and "Ship Tender" licenses.

Commissioner Bolger stated that the main advantage of the vessel is the handicapped accessibility; however, Jamestown has no handicapped accessible ramps that lead to the touch and go docks. He feels this topic needs a lot of study.

Harbormaster Paterson stated that there is already an issue with policing the touch and go docks, and how can we guarantee that the touch and go dock won't be occupied during the time he is scheduled to stop? The outer side has a three hour time limit, and it is a public access dock.

A discussion on the timing and logistics of docking the vessel ensued.

Commissioner Eichler pointed out that maybe the commission should first decide if they like the idea of having the Aquidneck Ferry stop in Jamestown. If so, why not go out to bid for the right to stop here?

Chairman deAngeli formed a "Ferry Sub-Committee" and appointed Commissioner Bolger as the chairperson. Other members include: Commissioner Eichler, Commissioner Farrell, Commissioner Cain and Executive Director Chief Mello

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT**

Executive Director Mello reported that the Harbormaster is back on duty. Executive Director Mello also reported that he is prepared to make a recommendation on a new motor for the Ribcraft.

Chairman deAngeli moved to move up Item 13(A), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Ribcraft Motor Bid**

Executive Director Chief Mello reported the lowest bid was received by Snug Harbor, and he is recommending accepting the bid. The old motor will be sold and is worth approximately 4K-5K.

A discussion on the new motor ensued.

Chairman deAngeli moves to authorize Chief Mello to move forward with the purchase of the 150hP Honda motor from Snug Harbor Marine, including labor, pick-up and delivery, and to dispose of the old motor sold at surplus at the best value. Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays)

Executive Director Mello also reported that he has ordered new radio equipment for the Ribcraft and Eastern and that the old radar equipment from the police boat will be installed on the Ribcraft. The total cost of the new equipment is estimated at \$2700.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **B. Monitoring of Touch and Go Docks**

Executive Director Mello stated the touch and go docks will need an estimated 12 hours per week of monitoring, during the busy weekend times. The monitor could be the parking monitor from the police department, or another authorized individual. The total cost should not exceed \$1800 for the season.

#### **MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET 2011/2012 MDF YTD Budget**

The Marine Development Fund was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

#### **HARBOR CLERK REPORT**

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported everything is on track for the season, and the permit renewals have been sent out.

#### **LIAISON REPORTS**

### **Planning Commission Liaison**

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

### **Town Council Liaison**

Town Council liaison Bowen reiterated the fact that the Ferry Sub-Committee meeting will need to be posted if more than three members attend.

Chairman deAngeli stated that he feels the meeting should be posted, as well, and the intention of his creation of the Ferry Sub-Committee was to have full public disclosure.

### **Conservation Commission Liaison**

Conservation Commission Liaison Sousa had nothing to report.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

#### **Budget**

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

#### **Facilities**

Commissioner Eichler had nothing to report.

#### **Mooring Implementation**

Commissioner Cain had nothing to report.

### **Harbor Management Ordinance / Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan**

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

Town Council Liaison Bowen confirmed that the Harbor Management Ordinance amendments regarding PATONs has been passed by the Town Council.

Executive Director Mello reported, regarding PATONs, Kim has been working with the Coast Guard and the vendor responsible for the town owned navigational buoys to have everything properly recorded with the Coast Guard, according to their requirements. The list will then be given to Sam, based on the Coast Guard records, and he will work on checking the locations and approving of their placement, which will be the approval process.

Chairman deAngeli questioned the progress on the Conservation area buoys for Sheffield Cove.

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated that she has been researching buoys and her and Sam have been coordinating on the size and shape that is best. The process will be completed in the very near future, and it will need to go out to bid.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Chief Mello – 3/23/12; re: Ribcraft Motor Bid**
- B. RIDEM – 3/12/12; re: Project Priority List Requests for FY 2013**
- C. CRMC – 3/15/12; re: Proposed Changes**
- D. Cheryl Fernstrom – 3/23/12; re: Town Council meeting follow-up**
- E. William Tuthill – 3/23/12; re: Aquidneck Ferry**

Commissioner Cain moved to accept Correspondence Items A-E, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (7 ayes, 0 nays).

### **Open Forum – Continued**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Bolger moved to adjourn at 8:27 PM, Chairman Cain seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Devlin  
Harbor Clerk