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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN  
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the October 14, 2015 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission  
*Approved: 11/12/2015*

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairman Cain called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman  
Bruce Dickinson, Commissioner  
Joseph McGrady, Commissioner  
Ed McGuirl, Vice-Chairman  
Clifford Kurz, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Commissioner  
George Souza, Conservation Commission Liaison

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director  
John Recca, Assistant Harbormaster  
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording Secretary

**II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**A. September 9, 2015**

Vice-Chairman McGuirl moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2015 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting. Commissioner Dickinson seconded. So voted (5 ayes, 0 nays).

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

No Consent Agenda.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

**X. OPEN FORUM**

**A. Scheduled Requests to Address**

No Scheduled requests to address.

**B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address**

Former Harbormaster, Sam Paterson, addressed the commission regarding his retirement. Mr. Paterson stated that he will still be active on the water in Jamestown and that he enjoyed the work and will miss it. Mr. Paterson stated that it has been a pleasure working for the town.

Chairman Cain stated that, on behalf of the Jamestown Harbor Commission, thank you for the years of service and work.

**XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT**

Executive Director Mello thanked Sam Paterson for his years of service as the Harbormaster. Executive Director Mello stated that Assistant Harbormaster John (Recca) has been a tremendous asset to the department and going forward we will assess the position, as it is covered in union contracts and in the Harbor Management Ordinance.

Executive Director Mello stated that in anticipation of the hurricane a few weeks ago, both boats were pulled and we made the decision not to put them back in. The pumpouts were also disconnected and people were expressing frustration that pumpouts were out of service. There are a lot of things to consider when prepping for storms. It is on our list to get pumpouts working again, but there are a host of things happening during storm prep and after the storm passes. Everyone must have a degree of patience.

Executive Director Mello informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission that both engines being assessed and we will determine what to do for next season.

**XII. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET**  
**A. 2014/2015 MDF YTD Budget**

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

**XIII. HARBOR CLERK REPORT**

Harbor Clerk Devlin had nothing to report.

**IX. HARBORMASTER REPORT**

Harbormaster Recca has nothing to report.

**X. LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Conservation Commission Liaison**

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was absent.

**XI. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**A. Budget**

Commissioner Kurz had nothing to report.

**B. Facilities**

Vice-Chairman McGuirl had nothing to report.

**C. Mooring Implementation**

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

**D. Traffic Committee**

Chairman Cain reported that the next Traffic Committee meeting they will begin discussions on parking in the shores north of the bridge.

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Appeal – Vincent DelBuono; Re: Appeal of permit renewal late fees**

Vincent DelBuono, who resides at 38 Collins Terrace and is a riparian property owner, re-stated a summarized version of his appeal to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Mr. DelBuono stated he had contacted the companies on the Inspector list, but no one was able to do the inspection until August.

Chairman Cain summarized the timeline of events and asked Mr. DelBuono a series of questions regarding the attempts to have the mooring inspected in a timely manner. Chairman Cain also stated that the Jamestown Harbor Commission has to abide by the Harbor Management Ordinance.

Commissioner Dickinson stated the he can shed light on what happened this year, as there was a catastrophic ice flow that was the worst he has ever seen. Commissioner Dickinson stated that we (the Jamestown Harbor Commission via the Harbor Management Ordinance) do not make people have a contract with a mooring provider and when the ice flow came down and wiped out his mooring, he was at the end of everyone's list because he didn't have a contract with a service provider.

Commissioner Dickinson asked Mr. DelBuono how long he has had a mooring, and Mr. DelBuono responded that he has had a mooring for 34 years. Commissioner Dickinson asked Mr. DelBuono how many times he has been late in his renewal, and Mr. DelBuono stated that he has never been late and has always paid his mooring fee in a timely manner.

Chairman Cain asked the Jamestown Harbor Commission members present if they had any further questions for Mr. DelBuono and also requested the Jamestown Harbor Commission members state their opinion on the appeal.

Commissioner Dickinson stated he is in favor of not fining Mr. DelBuono due to his longevity of having a mooring permit and not having any issues until this year.

Commissioner McGrady stated he is also in favor of no fine for Mr. DelBuono.

Commissioner Kurz stated he is in favor of not fining Mr. DelBuono.

Commissioner Dickinson moved to waive the fees for Mr. DelBuono, Commissioner McGrady seconded.

Executive Director Mello asked for clarification on the fees they were waiving, the late fees or the permit fees.

Commissioner Dickinson amended his motion to state that he moves to waive the late fees for Mr. DelBuono.

Chairman Cain asked if the Jamestown Harbor Commission was willing to waive all of the late fees or if they were in favor of waiving half of the late fees.

Commissioner Dickinson withdrew his amended motion.

Commissioner Dickinson moved to reduce Mr. DelBuono' s late fees from \$200 to \$100; Commissioner McGrady seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

#### **IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. USCG – Commercial fishing vessel safety examinations; 9-16-2015**
- B. CRMC – Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 9-17-2015**
- C. CRMC – Aquaculture preliminary determination for William Cregan; 9-29-2015**
- D. CRMC – October 2015 Calendar; 10-2-2015**
- E. CRMC – Semi-Monthly Meeting Agenda; 10-8-2015**

Vice-Chairman McGuirl moved to accept items 14A-E, Commissioner Dickinson seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

#### **XV. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED**

No Continued Open Forum.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman McGuirl moved to adjourn at 7:40 PM, Commissioner Dickinson seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin  
Jamestown Harbor Clerk