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HARBOR COMMISSION

Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting

Approved: 7/11/2012

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with roll call:

Present:

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

Absent:

Chris Brown, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 9, 2012

Chairman deAngeli made the following amendments to the minutes of May 9, 2012:

- The last line of page one has been amended, as follows: "There was a boat on the mooring last year, as approved by the first temporary use exemption."
- The fourth paragraph of page two has been amended, as follows: "Chairman deAngeli stated that in the appeal this year and last year, he (Mr. Ross) did not have exclusive use of the vessel, and Don Miller had it on ~~Tuesday's~~ Tuesdays. Chairman deAngeli asked Mr. Ross if that were still the case, and Mr. Ross stated that it was."
- The first line of paragraph twelve on page two has been amended, as follows: "Executive Director Mello reported the new motor is on the Ribcraft and the old motor is advertiszed for sale."
- The thirteenth paragraph on page two has been amended, as follows: "There are two issues regarding beach permits that have not been granted. The first application has been submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Hatch. They would like to leave two kayaks ~~kayak's~~ at East Ferry as rentals for their business. The majority of their business will be based upon delivering kayak rentals to people's homes; however, they would also like to have two kayaks ~~kayak's~~ permanently at East Ferry."
- The fourteenth paragraph on page two has been amended, as follows: "The second application is for the Conanicut Island Sailing Foundation (CISF). They would like to leave two kayaks ~~kayak's~~ at Ft. Getty for use as rentals within the CISF, to raise money for the non-profit organization."
- The second paragraph of page three has been amended, as follows: "Harbormaster Paterson reported the pump outs ~~pump-out's~~ are up and running and the floats are in and hooked up."

- The second paragraph on page four has been amended, as follows: "Town Council Liaison Bowen stated that Matunuk is repairing the seawall in South Kingstown and the project is fully funded by the State."

Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2012 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting, as amended. Commissioner McGuirl seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **A. Ferry Sub-committee meeting minutes; 5-1-2012**

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept the minutes of the May 1, 2012 Ferry Sub-committee meeting, Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

##### **Scheduled Requests to Address**

No Scheduled requests to address.

##### **Non-scheduled Requests to Address**

No Non-Scheduled requests to address.

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

Executive Director Mello reported the Conservation buoys will be delivered and Sam and Joe will get them installed.

Executive Director Mello also reported that the Eastern boat is in the town garage for repairs, and the radio has been installed.

Chairman deAngeli moved to move up item 14B, Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays)

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **B. USCG – Notice of Private Aid to Navigation Discrepancies; 6-4-2012**

Executive Director Mello reported the Coast Guard has sent the town another discrepancy letter regarding the channel markers in West Ferry that are not in compliance. We will talk to the contractor about the urgency and have them repaired or replaced. We are also working on creating a master list so all of the PATONs are registered with the Coast Guard and are in compliance.

Chairman deAngeli stated he thought the government was responsible for the channel markers.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the town is responsible.

A discussion on whom is responsible for the channel markers and PATONs ensued.

Harbormaster Paterson stated that the government compiles the lists of buoys; however, the town is responsible for their maintenance. Harbormaster Paterson also suggested, as he has in the past, that the channel markers should be on a rotating schedule for maintenance and replacement so they are always in compliance. The three channel markers in question are not up to Coast Guard standards. There have to be legal buoys out there to begin with.

Chairman deAngeli moved to authorize the Chief and Sam to work together to address the situation and make sure the markers are what they should be in an expeditious fashion, Commissioner Bolger seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Chairman deAngeli questioned Executive Director Mello regarding whether or not the old boat motor has been sold. Executive Director Mello responded that, no, the motor has not sold. The price has been dropped substantially; however, it has not sold. The motor is still being advertised for sale.

#### **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 there is a wait list for Maple Avenue kayak rack, and requested the Jamestown Harbor Commission support the purchase of an additional kayak rack.

Chairman deAngeli stated that, since there is a demand and the permit fees generated from the additional rack will pay for the rack in an estimated two years, it seems like a no-brainer.

Patrick Driscoll stated the Conservation Commission should be notified and included in the process of increasing the rack space at Maple Avenue.

Chairman deAngeli moved to therefore authorize the Harbor Clerk, the Harbormaster, and Executive Director Mello to explore the possibility of obtaining additional kayak racks at Maple Avenue, noting the Conservation Commission should be informed and advised before any contracts are entered into, Commissioner McGuirl seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Chairman deAngeli moved to move up item 13(C), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays).

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **C. Maple Avenue; Possible additional rack to accommodate increase in demand**

(This item was discussed prior to the motion to move the item up).

### **HARBORMASTER REPORT**

Harbormaster Paterson reported that a large number of people are passing on permit offers, so there are a lot of people coming off of the wait lists. In July, another round of permit offers will be issued based on the follow through with the existing offers standing.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

#### **Planning Commission Liaison**

Planning Commission Liaison seat is vacant.

#### **Town Council Liaison**

Town Council liaison Bowen reported he met with Jeff Willis at CRMC and there is no need for a water type change at Ft. Getty to permit the projects on the docket for the outhaul repairs and floating dock additions. Town Council Liaison Bowen stated these projects (the outhaul maintenance, installing the donated floating dock for the racing school at the pier, and the additional floating dock by the ramp) should be all brought forth to CRMC together, so they can review the project scopes together.

Chairman deAngeli questioned why Town Council Liaison Bowen was meeting with CRMC without anyone else from the town present.

Town Council Liaison Bowen stated he requested the meeting as a citizen of Jamestown, and it was not an official meeting.

Patrick Driscoll stated that he is supportive of access; however, the additional floating docks are considered improvements, and improvements open up the door for further degradation of sensitive areas. The Ft. Getty dock and out hauls are grandfathered in and would never be permitted today.

A discussion on the impacts of boating on Sheffield Cove and Fox Hill Marsh ensued.

Harbormaster Paterson stated Pat (Driscoll) is worried about the same thing happening to Fox Hill Marsh that happened at Sheffield Cove, with the shellfish closings.

Chairman deAngeli stated that to combine these three projects into one application would be a much more involved application process than it needs to be.

Town Council Liaison Bowen stated that there should still be three separate applications; however, they should all be submitted to CRMC at the same time.

Commissioner Eichler stated that Bob is giving a report and the commission is reacting to things that are not even on the agenda.

Commissioner McGuirl stated that the Harbor Commission is also concerned with protecting the natural resources and sensitive areas on the island, as Conservation buoys have been purchased by the Harbor department at the request of the Conservation Commission.

### **Conservation Commission Liaison**

There was nothing further to report.

### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

#### **Budget**

Commissioner Brown was absent.

### **Facilities**

Commissioner Eichler reported the seawall repairs are underway at West Ferry, and will hopefully be completed by Friday.

A discussion regarding Ft. Getty projects and permitting ensued.

Chairman deAngeli directed Commissioner Eichler to meet with Public Works Director, Mike Gray, and report back to the Jamestown Harbor Commission, regarding the status of the permit applications for Ft. Getty maintenance and proposed floating docks.

### **Mooring Implementation**

Commissioner Cain had nothing to report.

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

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

### **Ferry Committee**

The Ferry Sub-committee has been dissolved.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Intended use of piers for permit holders**

There is currently one tenant at the Ft. Getty pier and there is no clear language as to what the tenant can and cannot do, regarding the use of the pier. There are no clear limitations on permitted and unpermitted uses of the pier. Going forward, it would be helpful to have language in the ordinance to fall back on when regulating the pier activity.

Harbormaster Paterson stated that the current tenant has a bond with the state to clean up an aquaculture site, which involves hundreds and hundreds of oyster pots, and that will continue throughout the summer.

The item will be added to next month's agenda.

#### **B. Conservation buoy bids**

This item was discussed under Chief Mello's report.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. CRMC – Notice of Re-scheduling of Public Hearing; 5-30-2012**
- B. USCG – Notice of Private Aid to Navigation Discrepancies; 6-4-2012**

Chairman deAngeli moves to accept correspondence items 14(A-B), Commissioner Cain seconded. So voted (6 ayes, 0 nays)

### **Open Forum – Continued**

There was no continued open forum.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Cain moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM, Chairman Eichler seconded. So voted; (6 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Devlin  
Harbor Clerk