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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the September 12, 2018 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 10/10/2018

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, September 12, 2018 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 6:30 PM with roll call:

Present:

David Cain, Chairman
Wayne Banks, Commissioner
James Heagney, Commissioner
Eric Lexow, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Vice-Chairman
Steven Bois, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Chief Mello, Executive Director
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk
Conservation Commission Liaison Souza
Wyatt Brochu, Town Solicitor

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

A. Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Chairman Cain moved to amend the minutes as follows:

B. Gould Island Restoration Committee – Review, discussion and/or potential vote

Chairman Cain stated that himself, Commissioner Bois and Commissioner Banks are all members of the committee and that the Jamestown Harbor Commission should establish a sub-committee for the duration of the project. Chairman Cain moved to add item "E" under the Sub-Committee agenda.

Chairman Cain moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Heagney seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

III. OPEN FORUM

A. Scheduled Requests to Address

There were no Scheduled requests to address.

B. Non-scheduled Requests to Address- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

There were no Non-Scheduled requests to address.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MELLO'S REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello had nothing to report.

V. HARBORMASTER REPORT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Harbormaster Campbell reported that the Freedom is in the shop with engine problems and will be repaired. The

pumpout and dock at East Ferry were hit and we are working to get that fixed ASAP.

Harbormaster Campbell reposted that we have sent out forfeiture letters for moorings that haven't been used.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2017/2018

MDF YTD Budget- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

The budget was not available.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Budget - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Heagney had nothing to report.

B. Facilities - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Banks and Commissioner Wurzbacher had nothing to report.

C. Mooring Implementation - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

D. Traffic Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain had nothing to report.

E. Gould Island Restoration Committee - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Chairman Cain reported that there has not been a meeting and the group will not meet until November.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Conservation Commission Liaison- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza had nothing to report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. East Ferry Touch and Go Replacement - Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello presented a power point to the Jamestown Harbor Commission of a summary of the East Ferry touch and go dock that they voted to replace. The previous touch and go dock, gangway and pilings were damaged in a storm last year. The broken pilings were removed and the gangway was recovered. At the same time, the Jamestown Harbor Commission voted to replace the previous 8'x40' touch and go dock with a 10'x40' dock.

After the Jamestown Harbor Commission voted on the replacement dock and the engineering for the project had already begun, the Jamestown Harbor Commission was approached by a member of the public asking them to reconsider their vote and to reduce the size of the dock to 8'x40'.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that project was then placed on hold, with an amount of \$24,400 being spent on the project. There are now four options for replacing the floating dock that the Jamestown Harbor Commission will have to choose from, if they decide they want to continue with the project. There is also the option to not replace the dock and whether or not to make the ramp ADA accessible.

The four options are:

- 1 – 8'x40' floating dock straight off of the end of the wood pile pier (facing east)
- 2 – 10'x40' floating dock straight off of the end of the wood pile pier (facing east)
- 3 – 8'x40' floating dock angled to the northeast, parallel with the existing floating dock
- 4 – 10'x40' floating dock angled to the northeast, parallel with the existing floating dock

Mr. Bill Munger addressed the Jamestown Harbor Commission with his opinion on the best option for the floating dock. Mr. Munger stated that his new ferry dock, which will involve the relocation and reconfiguration of the town inboard float, will be ADA accessible and it is redundant to have two ADA accessible docks within the same facility. With the history of the dock and the current uses and needs Mr. Munger feels that the best option is the 8'x40' angled floating dock.

Commissioner Wurzbacher asked if the 80' touch and go dock is full most of the time.

Harbormaster Campbell responded that sometimes on the weekends it gets full but that most of the time there is space available.

Commissioner Banks stated that he would like the item to be continued so he can look at the site. Commissioner Wurzbacher agreed.

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to continue the discussion until the next meeting; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

B. Appeal – Mr. Chris Museler; re: Mooring location; 5/8/2018 – Review, discussion and/or potential vote; Continued from August 8, 2018

Mr. Quentin Anthony requested that the Jamestown Harbor Commission continue Mr. Museler's appeal until Vice-Chairman Harsch and Commissioner Bois were in attendance. Mr. Anthony stated that he wanted the entire Jamestown Harbor Commission present for the appeal.

The item was continued until an unspecified time when a special meeting can be arranged.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from the Conservation Commission; re: Zeek's Creek Conservation Zone

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the Conservation Commission is in agreement on everything stated in the letter and that there is a meeting with CRMC tomorrow to hopefully gain some clarification on some issues.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updated Mooring Service Provider List

Commissioner Heagney moved to approve the updated mooring service provider list; Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

XII. OPEN FORUM – CONTINUED- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

There was no Open Forum discussions continued.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT- Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Heagney moved to adjourn at 7:22 PM, Commissioner Banks seconded. So voted; (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk