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**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the August 14, 2019 Meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission
Approved: 9/11/2019

A meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at the Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice-Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with roll call:

Present:

James Heagney, Commissioner
Wayne Banks, Vice-Chairman
Eric Lexow, Commissioner
Steven Bois, Commissioner
Dan Wurzbacher, Commissioner
Michael Junge, Commissioner

Absent:

William Harsch, Chairman

Also in attendance:

Chief Edward Mello, Executive Director
Mark Campbell, Harbormaster
Kim Devlin, Harbor Clerk

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

A. Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Vice-Chairman Banks moved to approve the minutes; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

(Commissioner Junge arrives.)

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 since the last meeting he supported the Save the Bay swim and the Fools' Rules regatta. Harbormaster Campbell stated that he will also be supporting a trip for several people to Gould Island tomorrow so the restoration committee can explain what they have accomplished.

Harbormaster Campbell reported that there is an issue with the Evinrude engine on the Freedom that will hopefully be a minor problem and an easy fix.

VI. MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET

A. 2018/2019

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

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that we will hopefully have the complete financial report from last fiscal year for the September meeting and it will be ready for the FY 2021/2022 budget planning.

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

Vice-Chairman Banks had nothing to report.

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

Commissioner Banks had nothing to report.

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

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the next Traffic Committee meeting will be in September.

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

Commissioner Bois stated that at 7AM tomorrow there will be three or four boats going to Gould Island for a site visit.

Executive Director Chief Mello reported that Town Administrator Andy Nota was asked to plan the site visit and Harbormaster Campbell has been working on the transportation arrangements to make that happen.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

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

Conservation Commission Liaison Souza was absent.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Chris Museler – Relocation Appeal – Review, discussion, and/or potential action and/or vote

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that at the June meeting all of the pieces were in place for this matter to be resolved, as the Conservation Zone was relocated to the 500' line. The Jamestown Harbor Commission indicated that Mr. Museler had 60 days to resolve this matter;

Harbormaster Campbell will update you on the status of the resolution.

Harbormaster Campbell stated that within days of the appeal he made contact with Mr. Museler and went through the email chain to where Mr. Museler indicated where he would like the mooring to be located. Harbormaster Campbell stated he asked Mr. Museler to confirm the location and Mr. Museler stated that he was too busy. A month went by and Harbormaster Campbell again reached out to Mr. Museler and Mr. Museler replied with two proposed locations.

Harbormaster Campbell looked at the locations and one option would not work and one option was a possibility. Mr. Museler stated that he wanted Aquidneck Mooring to look at the locations. Aquidneck Mooring took Mr. Museler on their boat and they dropped a marker where he wanted the mooring to be placed, which is outside of the 1000' line, coincidentally.

Harbormaster Campbell went out at the extreme low tide to look at the water depth, which measured 8.5'. With a 4000' block that sits 3' high Harbormaster Campbell stated that he feels this is not a good location that the keel of the sailboat could hit the block. Harbormaster Campbell contacted Aquidneck Mooring and told them what he saw at low tide and that he doesn't think this is a good spot.

X. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Museler from the Jamestown Harbor Commission – Re: Appeal of Guest Mooring Application Denial filed on April 17, 2019; 7/18/2019

Commissioner Junge moved to accept Correspondence item A; Commissioner Wurzbacher seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that the letter was drafted by Executive Director Chief Mello and the Town Solicitor and signed by Chairman Harsch.

B. Mr. Quentin Anthony – Guest Mooring Denial Appeal to Town Council Notice; 7/31/2019

Commissioner Junge moved to accept Correspondence item B; Commissioner Lexow seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Executive Director Chief Mello stated that he wanted the Jamestown Harbor Commission to know the path the appeal will take. At this point it is on the Town Council agenda for notice only, that they will schedule a hearing at the next meeting. The Town Solicitor will represent the Jamestown Harbor Commission and the Town, and the logistics will be worked out by the attorneys. It is possible that the Mr. Anthony will call on the Jamestown Harbor Commission members to testify.

C. Dumplings Association and Mr. David Laurie – Letter to CRMC re: Notice of Protest and Request for Hearing; 7/23/2019

Commissioner Junge moved to accept Correspondence item C; Commissioner Heagney seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. West Ferry Outhaul Steps

Executive Director Chief Mello placed this item on the agenda to make the Jamestown Harbor Commission aware of the repairs needed on the stairs. It is an extensive and expensive project that the Facilities committee and the staff should get together to discuss. Executive Director Chief Mello stated that it is worth doing a cost/benefit analysis, but that we do have some materials in inventory and we need to develop a path to plan for the potential replacement. The goal would be to have the repairs done by next season and it will have to be outsourced as it is larger than a town project.

B. Temporary Transfer Request – Mr. Richard Dugan – Review, discussion and/or potential action and/or vote

Commissioner Wurzbacher moved to approve the temporary transfer; Vice-Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

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

There was no Continued Open Forum.

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

Commissioner Junge moved to adjourn at 7:32PM; Vice-Chairman Banks seconded. So voted; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Devlin
Jamestown Harbor Clerk