

Mystic Harbor Management Commission
February 6, 2014
Final

The Mystic Harbor Management Commission held a regular meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth District Voting Hall. Commission members present were: Chairman David Carreau, Lou Allyn, Jack Washburn, Don Procko, and Fred Allard. Harbor Master Paul Watts, Rod Cook, and Paul Bates were present. Also present were representatives from CUSH (Clean Up Sound and Harbors): Fran Hoffman, Sally Cogan, and Richard Chamberlain.

Call to Order

Chairman Carreau called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Procko made a motion to accept the January 2, 2014 minutes. Mr. Allyn seconded the motion and the Commission unanimously approved it.

Appeal by CUSH

It has been the custom of the Commission to allow visitors a chance to identify their interests before the regular Agenda is taken up. Accordingly, Ms. Hoffman expressed CUSH's interest in removing the remains of a disintegrating barge north of Mystic Seaport. CUSH was particularly interested in soliciting financial help from the Commission. Ms. Cogan and Mr. Chamberlain added their concerns and asked about Commission priorities. Chairman Carreau indicated that the limited Commission funds were fully committed to prior obligations.

Harbor Master Report

Harbormaster Watts reported that the annual reapplication notices for the mooring waiting list had been sent to approximately 70 applicants who were on last year's list. Responses were due by February 15. Also, about 220 mooring permit renewal applications were mailed with a response due date of February 28.

Turning Basin Moorings

State and Town officials have indicated the need to remove all of the moorings in area "H", as a prerequisite for dredging this area. Consequently, the Commission intends to identify and map the affected moorings. Chairman Carreau intends to draft a letter to be sent to the mooring owners identifying the need to remove these moorings.

Unfinished Business

Dredging of Federal Channel & Harbor Fairway

Mr. Allyn indicated that the Army Corps of Engineering will be applying for a "401" Water Quality Certificate from the CT DEEP. The dredging project appears to be heading for a start by September 2014.

T-2 Marker Buoys (Transient Anchorage)

No new information

East Fairway -- Abandoned Moorings

The abandoned moorings are now scheduled for removal in March 2014.

New Business

Harbormaster Watts has sent a certified letter to Mr. M. Friedman, indicating concern about the condition of an unapproved floating dock tied up to the Friedman property on Rosaleah Drive. Mr. Friedman provided a satisfactory response on the disposition of the dock.

Maritime Security 2014-East

Notice of the Maritime Security 2014-East Conference in Boston was received. The Commission took no action.

Adjournment

Mr. Allyn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Washburn seconded the motion and it was so voted.

Respectfully submitted



David Carreault, Chairman