

**Five Mile River Commission
February 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes
The Boardroom, Rowayton Community Center
33 Highland Ave., Rowayton, CT 06853**

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion, Chairman
Dirk Leasure, Commissioner
Wim Jessup, Commissioner
Ray Meurer, Harbor Superintendent
David Snyder, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

Absent: John DeRegt, Commissioner

Guest:

Steve Bartush, Norwalk Resident

Matthew Marion took the chair at 7:32 p.m.

Chairman Marion reported the Commissioners had reviewed and unanimously approved the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes electronically, subject to confirmation of their approval at the Commission's next meeting, and the minutes had been filed electronically with Darien and Norwalk within the statutory period. By vote, the Commissioners unanimously confirmed their approval of the January 14th meeting minutes. Public notice of the scheduled February 25, 2016 meeting was timely provided and the agenda timely filed with Darien and Norwalk.

Chairman Marion noted that implementation of the new ground tackle inspection protocol needs to move forward and provided a brief review of what needs to be done. A general discussion ensued and the Chairman directed the Harbor Superintendent to provide him with the latest draft of the email introducing mooring permit holders to the new protocol.

Commissioner Leasure reported he was recently interviewed by the Darien Board of Selectman regarding his interest in continuing as a Commissioner for an additional term. He confirmed to the Board that he would like to remain on the Five Mile River Commission.

The Harbor Superintendent reported that an update of the waitlist for moorings in the river had been sent to the Darien and Norwalk Clerks for posting. There are 36 names on the list as of February, 2016. All are being contacted to confirm their interest in remaining on the wait list and ability to respond if offered a mooring. There are 21 open mooring locations on the river.

Steve Bartush noted that the open moorings might be of interest to people who are on the wait list for slips at the South Norwalk Boat Club. He said the wait list there is lengthy, as it takes years to be assigned a location at the boat club.

The Harbor Superintendent reported that 70 out of 104 mooring permits had been renewed as of February 12, 2016. Two marinas are collecting the harbor use fee directly from their customers by including the fee on their slip invoices. A third marina is not assigning slip locations until the boat owner pays the harbor use fee. Private dock owners who keep a boat at their dock will be sent applications for harbor use fee decals in March.

At 7:51 p.m., Chairman Marion proposed the Commission hold an executive session regarding mooring applicants, which the Commissioners unanimously agreed to, and Mr. Bartush left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

The remaining regularly scheduled meeting dates for 2016 are March 31, May 5, June 16, July 28, October 20 and December 8.

The meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, Conn.

Respectively submitted,
Ray Meurer
Harbor Superintendent