

Five Mile River Commission
June 7, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Darien Town Hall Room 206
2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06853

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion - Chairman
Dirk Leasure
Wim Jessup

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent

Absent: Commissioner John deRegt

The Five Mile River Commission meeting commenced at 7:32 with a unanimous vote ratifying the Commission's prior approval of its May 3, 2018 meeting minutes, which had been filed electronically with Darien and Norwalk within the statutory period shortly after the Commission's May meeting.

Chairman Marion then briefly discussed the dock application for 47 Rowayton Avenue. The Commission agreed that an inspection of the proposed dock site would be useful and will arrange that inspection through the applicant's representative.

Next, the Commission requested a status report from Harbor Superintendent, David Snyder, regarding the bi-annual Ground Tackle inspection Program. Mr. Snyder reported a 75-80% compliance rate (including both inspections and completed paperwork) among mooring permittees as of early June, and noted that he recently requested updates from the permittees who have not completed their submissions. The Commission also discussed possible future improvements, and agreed to seek additional input from the marine service providers during the fall. Forms will also be reviewed to determine trends regarding wear and tear, and repairs, on the mooring tackle.

The Commission then reviewed the status of the mooring string realignment plan. Harbor Superintendent Snyder reported that the E and F strings were still in need of adjustment. The marine service providers that installed the strings have been notified. The Harbor Superintendent will update the Commission weekly.

The status of a transient mooring program was then discussed. Harbor Superintendent Snyder reported that two transient mooring locations, marked by bright orange balls, have been designated, one located adjacent to the town dock and the other in the E mooring string. Also, Commissioner Jessup is reviewing on-line bank accounts for possible linkage to the DockWa transient mooring system. The Commission is working to have the Dockwa system operational in the Five Mile River as soon as practicable.

Harbor Superintendent Snyder then presented current financial results covering income and expenses. Overall, results year-over-year are consistent. As part of his report, Mr. Snyder also reviewed the status of three projects: cleaning up and segmenting the dock and mooring boater databases, rationalizing the mooring strings, and expanding the Harbor Superintendent's presence on the river during the peak season. With the Commission's unanimous approval, Harbor Superintendent Snyder will call on Assistant Harbor Superintendent Steve Bartush and former Harbor Superintendent, Ray Meurer, to assist with patrols and appropriate public assistance during weekends.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm at Norwalk City Hall, Room 101, 125 East Avenue, Norwalk Connecticut.

Respectively submitted, David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent.