

Five Mile River Commission
February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Community Center
Norwalk, CT

Commissioners in attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)
Wim Jessup
John deRegt

Also Present:

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent

Absent: Commissioner Dirk Leasure

Assistant Harbor Superintendent Steve Bartush

The Five Mile River Commission meeting commenced at 7:35 with a unanimous vote among those Commissioners present to ratify the Commission's prior approval of its January 17, 2019 meeting minutes, which the Commission had reviewed, approved, and filed electronically with the town of Darien and City of Norwalk within the statutory period shortly after its January meeting.

First, marina owner Jurek Antoszweski addressed the Commission regarding his concern that an easterly mooring string was impeding access to his marina's docks. After discussion with Harbor Superintendent Snyder, the Commission concluded that adjustments to the mooring string might alleviate the impediment. Mr. Snyder will work with Mr. Antoszweski to identify appropriate adjustments to the mooring string, and will report back to the Commission for final approval.

Chairman Marion advised that the Norwalk Shellfish Commission (NSC) had reviewed the dock application for 197 Rowayton Avenue and requested that the float skids for the proposed dock be moved outside the thalweg at the site. The Commission confirmed it would approve the application subject to the applicant's compliance with the NSC's request.

Commissioner Jessup then shared boating statistics on boat registration, boating accidents, and boating fatality trends.

Next, the Commission discussed several pending action items, including its review of the FMRC checking account arrangements and subsequent DocWa

paperwork to facilitate transient mooring use. These items remain pending and will be addressed at the next meeting. Harbor Superintendent Snyder advised that he would provide an update at the next meeting regarding the removal of abandoned moorings and his continuing efforts to reorganize the mooring strings south of 'D' string. The Commission discussed and agreed that the marine service providers (MSPs) should be instructed not to install any moorings prior to marking. Harbor Superintendent Snyder will contact MSPs to communicate this directive. Finally, Commissioner Marion confirmed that he is working with Harbor Superintendent Snyder to revise certain language in the mooring permit applications and is drafting a suitable refund policy for harbor use fees. These proposals will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

The Harbor Superintendent then presented the year-to-date expense and income reports and updated the Commission about mooring applications. He also advised that the red nun channel marker was seriously damaged, apparently due to a propeller strike, and must be replaced. In addition, he noted that the no-wake marker needs to be repaired. The Commission unanimously approved his replacement/repair requests.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton Connecticut.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission and Harbor Superintendent