

Five Mile River Commission
March 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Community Center
Norwalk, CT

Commissioners in attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)

Dirk Leasure

John deRegt

and

Assistant Harbor Superintendent Steve Bartush

Absent: Commissioner Wim Jessup

Harbor Superintendent David Snyder

The Five Mile River Commission meeting commenced at 7:35 with a unanimous vote by those Commissioners present to ratify the Commission's prior approval of its February 21, 2019 meeting minutes, which the Commission had reviewed, unanimously approved, and filed electronically with the town of Darien and City of Norwalk within the statutory period shortly after its February meeting.

Chairman Marion then discussed several bills pending in the Connecticut legislature, including Proposed Bill 6445 designed to streamline dock applications and House Bill 5689, which proposes the creation of mandatory standards and a manual for the safe construction of piers and docks. He agreed to monitor the progress of these proposed bills through the legislative session.

Next, the Commission discussed the recently submitted dock application for 195 Rowayton Avenue. After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to a site visit, since the plans indicate the proposed construction would impact nearby spartina grass, at least incidentally.

Commissioner Leasure then reported that he and Harbor Superintendent Snyder met with the City of Norwalk's Comptroller and Assistant Comptroller regarding the accounting arrangements used by the City to maintain the Commission's deposits and disbursement account. The Comptroller agreed to provide monthly account statements reflecting deposits and withdrawals to the Commission in the future. In addition, Commissioner Leasure indicated that he and Mr. Snyder would discuss with the Commission's secretary, Tammy Papp, reconciling disbursements against the City of Norwalk's records to ensure accurate record-keeping.

Next, Commissioner Leasure reported that the paperwork for the on-line transient mooring system, Dockwa, was now complete and that Dockwa funds from transient moorings in 2019 would be credited directly to the Commission's account maintained with the City of Norwalk. Mr. Leasure also reported that the Dockwa software allowed the Commission to identify and limit the size of boats using the transient moorings and provided advanced notice of bookings. The Commission agreed by unanimous vote that the daily transient fee for transient boats staying in the river would be set at \$30 per night, with a maximum of 3 consecutive days per stay, a 14 day minimum gap between stays, and a 10 day maximum per season.

Finally, the Commission circulated Harbor Superintendent Snyder's report and the year to date financial results. Discussion of that report was tabled until the Commission's May meeting.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton Connecticut.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission