

Five Mile River Commission
June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Library, Farrell Room, Norwalk, CT

Commission members in attendance:

Matt Marion

Dirk Leasure

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent

Steve Bartush, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

Absent: Wim Jessup

John deRegt

The Five Mile River Commission's meeting commenced at 7:34 without a quorum. At the outset, Chairman Marion proposed that all monthly financial reports be circulated to the Commissioners two days prior to the meetings whenever possible. Commission Leasure also noted the advantage of including the Commission account summary prepared by Norwalk's Comptroller with these monthly reports. The Harbor Superintendent agreed to include this information whenever available.

The Chairman then requested an update regarding possible unregistered moorings in the river. The Harbor Superintendent reported a cluster of apparently unregistered moorings near the Darien shore, none of which are marked under the new mooring ball marking system. The Commissioners and Harbor Superintendent agreed to make followup inquiries to determine the owners of the unmarked moorings.

The discussion then turned to the newly implemented mooring ball marking program. The Harbor Superintendent reported that most of the mooring balls being serviced by marine service providers had been marked and noted it was significantly easier under the new identification system to determine mooring locations. Mr. Snyder confirmed he and Assistant Superintendent Bartush would conduct a closer review of the marking system within the next month as boats return to their assigned locations.

The Harbor Superintendent updated the Commission about a recent transient mooring visitor en route to New England who gave the Five Mile River a five star review, using the new DockWa mooring reservation system.

The Harbor Superintendent also advised he was working with interested parties to relocate several boats on the mooring string adjacent to 105 Rowayton Avenue in order

to reduce the navigational impact of the moored boats on the numerous boats docked in this area. He also noted his preference for a single mooring string to the north of this area in the future.

Commissioner Leasure suggested additional marketing efforts to fill mooring spots. The Commissioners discussed NextDoor.com as a possible listing site, and agreed to work with the Harbor Superintendent to draft an appropriate public notice.

Chairman Marion circulated a draft request for commercial marine services for review by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Leasure confirmed that he was drafting recommendations related to the Commission's account with the City of Norwalk and would report at the next meeting.

The Commission then commenced discussion about the dock application for 213 Rowayton Avenue. The Chairman asked for comments to be exchanged by email prior to the next meeting.

The Harbor Superintendent discussed the Commission's YTD expense and income reports. He also reported on the status of dock and mooring applications being received/processed.

The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2019, at 7:00 pm at Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton, Connecticut.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent