

Five Mile River Commission
September 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Library, Farrell Room, Norwalk, CT

Commission members in attendance:

Matt Marion – Chairman
Dirk Leasure

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent
Steve Bartush, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

Absent: Commissioners Wim Jessup and John deRegt

The Five Mile River Commission meeting commenced at 7:30 with a unanimous vote by the two Commissioners present to ratify the Commission's prior approval of its May 23, 2019 meeting minutes, which were reviewed and unanimously approved before being filing electronically with the town of Darien and City of Norwalk within the statutory period.

Chairman Marion noted the recent memorial service for former harbor superintendent Ray Meurer and thanked Harbor Superintendent Snyder for his eulogy. The Chairman then went on to discuss the process for selecting a marine service provider to assist the Commission with certain 2019 maintenance projects, including the servicing of transient moorings, channel markers, and kayak trail markers.

Chairman Marion then discussed several pending dock applications, including the application for 14 Raymond, an up-river site with an indirect potential impact on the river basin. This application was tabled until the Commission's next meeting. In addition, the Commission is reviewing the dock application and plans for 111 Rowayton Avenue. Comments are due by 9/26. Last, the Commission discussed its jurisdiction over docks being built in Butler's Creek and the environmental impact these projects may have on the river.

Commissioner Leasure presented spending control recommendations which will be reviewed and adopted by the Commission at its October meeting.

Commissioner Marion then directed the discussion to pending action items. Harbor Superintendent Snyder circulated the notification sticker that he will place on any unregistered mooring balls in the river within the next two weeks. Also, he provided a summary of the effectiveness of the mooring ball marking program and commented on areas of possible improvement next year. Additionally, in conjunction with the

Commission's mooring string modifications, he will propose a plan for moving to a single string mooring system starting at the E-string.

Next, the Harbor Superintendent discussed the YTD expense and income reports and various other activities during August and September. These activities included patrol boat signage, DockWa/transient mooring communications, and recommendations for marina owners regarding their dock customers' payment of the river use fee.

The Commission also discussed the effectiveness of the 'no wake' signs and paddleboard buoy trails outside the channel and the continued need to communicate using increased signage and/or town publications.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2019, at 7:30 pm at Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Rowayton Connecticut.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent