

Five Mile River Commission
January 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Community Center, Farrell Room
Norwalk, CT

Commissioners in attendance (Quorum):

Matt Marion (Chairman)

Dirk Leasure

Wim Jessup

Absent Commissioners:

John deRegt

Also Present:

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent

Steve Bartush, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

The Five Mile River Commission commenced its meeting at 7:35 with a unanimous vote to ratify its prior approval of the December 12, 2019 meeting minutes, which were filed electronically with the town of Darien and City of Norwalk within the statutory period shortly after the Commission's December meeting.

Chairman Marion then welcomed Bill Cavers, head of Darien's Advisory Commission of Coastal Waters. Discussion ensued around the Advisory Commission's responsibilities under its charter, including boating ordinances applicable in Darien's harbours, the timing for dredging, and the environmental protection of Darien's waters. Mr. Cavers also discussed the Advisory Commission's interaction with Save the Sound and its regional environmental concerns for southwestern Connecticut.

Next, the Commission discussed the dock application for 135 Rowayton Avenue, and requested that the Harbor Superintendent inspect the proposed location with a view to assessing the sufficiency of clearance between the proposed dock and adjacent moorings. Mr. Snyder promised to report his findings to the Commission.

Harbor Superintendent Snyder then shared YTD expense and income summaries and reported on October-January activities, including the clearance of all vessels from the mooring field as well as contracted work performed by a marine service provider (MSP) related to the kayak buoys, channel markers, and transient moorings, in the river. Mr. Snyder also confirmed that he had extended invitations to two MSPs to attend the Commission's February 20th meeting to finalize the process for realigning the single mooring string north of the 'D' line and the removal of abandoned mooring tackle on the

southwest side of the river. Finally, he circulated his written report, which covered several additional items related to transient moorings, the collection of river use fees, and the distribution of 2020 river use applications.

Chairman Marion closed the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 7:30 pm, in the Board Room at Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent