

Five Mile River Commission
February 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Rowayton Community Center, Farrell Room
Norwalk, CT

Commissioners in attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)
Dirk Leasure
Wim Jessup

Absent Commissioner:

John deRegt

Also Present:

David Snyder, Harbor Superintendent
Steve Bartush, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

The Five Mile River Commission commenced its meeting at 7:30 with a unanimous vote to ratify its prior approval of the January 16, 2020 meeting minutes, which were filed electronically with the town of Darien and City of Norwalk within the statutory period shortly after the Commission's January meeting.

Chairman Marion opened the meeting by asking Harbor Superintendent Snyder review the 2020 mooring field realignment plan with two attending marine service providers (MSPs), Norm Edwards and Chuck Luscomb. Charts of the realignment were distributed and reviewed, as was the overall timing of the project and the ways that the MSPs will coordinate their effort. The MSPs agreed to stake a single mooring line 8-10' west of the current east-west string and to work with the Harbor Superintendent to identify and remove abandoned mooring balls and tackle.

The Chairman then recognized Wilder Gleason, Esq., attorney for Dr. David Pereira, 18 Raymond Street, Darien, as well as Matthew Heissan and another neighbor, all of whom wished to provide public comments regarding a proposed dock structure at 14 Raymond Street. The comments raised concerns about siting of the dock as well as compliance with DEEP and ACE requirements. In addition, the Commission ratified its electronic vote approving the dock application for 135 Rowayton Avenue and agreed to conduct a site visit before opining about the proposed dock at 47 Five Mile River Road in Darien.

Harbor Superintendent Snyder gave his report which included year-to-date expense and income reports and updated the Commission regarding river use applications and the ground tackle inspection program. Finally, a discussion ensued regarding river access points for the public. This discussion will be continued later in the year.

Chairman Marion closed the meeting at 9:05 p.m. The next Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 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