

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the March 11, 2009 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting
Amended: 4/8/09 Approved: 4/8/09

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held March 11, 2009 at Jamestown Town Hall, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael de Angeli, Chairman
Andrew Kallfelz, Vice-Chairman
Richard Anderson, Commissioner
Chris Brown, Commissioner
Bob Bowen, Commissioner
Susan Little, Commissioner
Wendy Waller, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Julio DiGiando, Town Council Liaison
Chief Thomas Tighe, Executive Director
Nancy Bennett, Planning Commission Liaison
Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording
Secretary
Mike Gray, Town Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 11, 2009

Commissioner Bowen moved to accept the February 11, 2009 Jamestown Harbor Commission meeting minutes, Vice-Chairman Kallfelz seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstain (Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Brown)

CONSENT AGENDA

No Consent Agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

OPEN FORUM

Scheduled Requests to Address

No scheduled requests to address.

Non-scheduled Requests to Address

No non-scheduled requests to address.

Commissioner Little moved to move up item 10 B, Commissioner Waller seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Facilities

A discussion regarding the Ft. Getty boat ramp improvements and dredging was initiated by Chris Powell of the Conservation Commission. The main concern is the waters around Ft. Getty are classified as

Type 1, and the adjoining marsh is environmentally sensitive. Type 1 waters are designated by CRMC as conservation zones where dredging is not permitted without a special exemption. Mr. Powell stated that the Conservation Commission had unanimously voted to disapprove of dredging for the Ft. Getty boat ramp improvements. Mr. Powell stated that it would be inconsistent for Jamestown to dredge in a preservation area where conservation of natural resources has been the standard, and suggested that the proposed ramp improvements were excessive in scope.

Commissioner Bowen stated that CRMC had recommended to the Jamestown Harbor Commission to go ahead with the permitting process.

Mike Gray, Town Engineer, recommended reviewing the projects and setting up a meeting with Bruce Keiser, Town Administrator, CRMC, and the Jamestown Harbor Commission to determine if the Town wants to go through with the project and begin the special exemption and permitting processes.

Commissioner Bowen moved to have the Town Engineer and Bruce Keiser meet with CRMC and use the existing drawings to determine if the project should be pursued. Commissioner Anderson seconded, So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Gray also gave an update on the status of the Curbs and Rails project. Due to weather, the original project deadline will not be met. Otherwise, the project is going smoothly.

The Wood Pile Pier touch and go addition sketches were reviewed.

Commissioner Bowen moved to go forward with sketch alternative #4, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIGHE'S REPORT

Executive Director Tighe had nothing to report.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET 2008/2009 MDF YTD Budget

The Marine Development Fund updated budget was presented. Commissioner Little requested the Investment Income figure to be included.

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin reported the Wait list has been updated for the 2009 season and the permits are ready to go as soon as the Annual Report is approved.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison Bennett had nothing to report.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council Liaison DiGiando had nothing to report.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Liaison seat vacant.

Ft. Getty Master Plan Committee

Chairman deAngeli had nothing to report.

Traffic Committee

Commissioner Little reported the recommendation of no parking on both sides of Avenue B and Westwood Road was sent to the Town Council. The Traffic Committee also recommended to the Town Council to put a weight limit of 30,000 pounds on Carr Lane. The Town Council voted to disband the Traffic Committee.

Commissioner Brown moved to delay item 10E until the end of the meeting, Chairman deAngeli seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays

ONGOING BUSINESS

Budget

Commissioner Brown ~~was absent~~ had nothing to report.

Mooring Implementation

Commissioner Anderson ~~was absent~~ had nothing to report..

Technology

Vice Chairman Kallfelz had nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Kallfelz moved to move Item 10E to the end of the meeting. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 09/10 budget, 5 year budget, and retained earnings

The Jamestown Harbor Commission discussed the 09/10 Budget. The following changes were proposed:

- Combine Website and Database line items into one \$5000 item, and transfer \$5000 into the Contingency Fund.
- Eliminate the Legal Fees line item and transfer the \$2000 into Contingency Fund.
- Allocate the difference in Operating expenses and Operating revenue to Contingency Fund.

The Harbor Commission decided not to change the permitting fees for the upcoming season.

B. Jamestown Harbor Commission Annual Report

The Jamestown Harbor Commission decided the Annual Report was acceptable for distribution to permit holders.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. CRMC- Public Notice; Lawrence and Elizabeth Allen, residential boating facility; 2/3/09

B. Conservation Commission – Ft. Getty boat ramp improvements and dredging; 2/25/09

C. Audubon Society – Ft. Getty Dredging; 3/4/09

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept Correspondence A-C, Commissioner Bowen seconded. So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

OPEN FORUM-CONTINUED

No continuation of Open Forum.

HMO/CHMP Revision

Nothing was discussed regarding the Harbor Management Ordinance or Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman deAngeli moved to adjourn at 9:11 PM, seconded by Commissioner Bowen . So voted; 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin
Harbor Clerk