

**TOWN OF JAMESTOWN
HARBOR COMMISSION**

Minutes of the September 16, 2009 Jamestown Harbor Commission Meeting
Amended: 12/9/09 Approved: 12/9/09

A regular meeting of the Jamestown Harbor Commission (JHC) was held September 16, 2009 at Jamestown Library, North Road, Jamestown, Rhode Island.

Chairman deAngeli called the meeting to order at 7:03PM with roll call:

Present:

Michael deAngeli, Chairman
Chris Brown, Commissioner
Bob Bowen, Commissioner
Susan Little, Commissioner
Richard Anderson, Commissioner

Also in attendance:

Julio DiGiando, Town Council Liaison
Chief Thomas Tighe, Executive Director
Kimberly Devlin, Harbor Clerk & Recording
Secretary

Absent:

Wendy Waller, Commissioner
Andrew Kalfelz, Vice-Chairman
Nancy Bennett, Planning Commission Liaison

Sam Paterson, Harbormaster
Joseph Falcioni, Assistant Harbormaster

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 12, 2009**

Commissioner Bowen noted a change to the minutes on page 3, paragraph 5; "Commissioner Waller agreed with Vice-Chairman Kalfelz and that she would like to see a year-round Harbormaster with a re-negotiated contract."

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept the minutes as amended, Commissioner Anderson seconded. So voted; 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Commissioner Bowen).

August 5, 2009 Special Meeting

Commissioner Bowen moved to accept the minutes, Commissioner Anderson seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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.

Chairman deAngeli moved to move up item 13(A), Commissioner Bowen seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

NEW BUSINESS

13 (A) Concrete Pier Presentation – Town Councilman William Kelly

Town Councilman William Kelly presented the Jamestown Harbor Commission with a powerpoint presentation on possible improvements to the old ferry landing at East Ferry. Mr. Kelly stated during his presentation the eroding concrete slab and the supporting rocks under the concrete pose a liability to the town and is an eyesore in the otherwise picturesque East Ferry harbor.

Mr. Kelly stated the representatives from the Town of Jamestown have already met with state officials to determine if the project would qualify for Federal stimulus funding; however, money is not available for the project. Mr. Kelly also proposed the idea of community fundraising as a possibility of raising money for the project.

Mr. Kelly asked the Jamestown Harbor Commission to work with the Town to try to determine the cost of the project in the form of an estimate for the repairs and improvements.

Commissioner Anderson noted the Jamestown Harbor Commission has been shifting the focus of harbor improvement projects to the West Ferry area because that side of the island has been somewhat neglected. Commissioner Anderson also stated the local businesses, which benefit from the harbor improvements, have not stepped up to assist in these improvements.

Commissioner Bowen noted, on the conceptual drawing provided in the powerpoint, that there is an existing touch and go floating dock nearby on the Wood Pile Pier which could be stabilized if piles were driven around the proposed decking of the ferry landing improvements.

Town Council Liaison DiGiando stated expanding the project to include the touch and go would make the project more appropriate for use of Harbor funds, which are collected from boater's money for. Otherwise, the proposed improvements are just a park.

Chairman deAngeli asked Commissioner Bowen to sit down with Mike Gray and determine the estimate of what an actual estimate would be and to provide some sketches of possible improvements for the old ferry landing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TIGHE'S REPORT

Executive Director Tighe provided the Jamestown Harbor Commission with copies of the past three monthly reports sent to Bruce Keiser detailing the Harbormaster activities in the office.

MARINE DEVELOPMENT FUND BUDGET
2009/2010 MDF YTD Budget

The Marine Development Fund was presented to the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Harbor Clerk Devlin stated the amount in the column for gas for the Harbormaster's car should total \$0.00.

HARBOR CLERK REPORT

Harbor Clerk Devlin stated there are fourteen mooring permits that have not been renewed and those permit holders were sent certified letters notifying them of mooring permit forfeiture on October 1, 2009. Harbor Clerk Devlin also informed the Jamestown Harbor Commission of progress being made in reviewing other databases.

HARBORMASTER REPORT

Harbormaster Paterson stated he is working with the Coast Guard on the yearly Town buoy and channel marker

registration he provides to the Coast Guard. Harbormaster Paterson stated he is waiting for Shoreline Diving to provide him with the details regarding the buoys to complete the Coast Guard requirements.

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept correspondence 14(A) and 14(B), Commissioner Anderson seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

14 (A) 8/18/09; USCG, re: Jamestown Discrepancies of channel bouys 14(B) 8/25/09; USCG, re: Non-Permitted Aids (bouys)

Chairman deAngeli questioned Harbormaster Paterson on a mooring that has been added near Clark's boatyard outside of the 1000 ft. line. Harbormaster Paterson stated the mooring was previously a part of Clark's boatyard and he raised it.

A discussion followed on from which point on shore the 1000 ft. line extends from. Chairman deAngeli stated he thought it was from the mainland and Harbormaster Paterson stated that it could be the Dumplings. Harbormaster Paterson noted that the "House on the Rock" is a taxable piece of property.

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Commission Liaison

Planning Commission Liaison Bennett was absent.

Town Council Liaison

Town Council Liaison DiGiando reported there will be a discussion of the community sailing program at this Monday's Town Council meeting.

Conservation Commission Liaison

Liaison seat vacant.

Ft. Getty Master Plan Committee

Chairman deAngeli reported the Ft. Getty Master Plan Committee did meet, however, he was not able to attend the meeting.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Budget

Commissioner Brown had nothing to report.

Facilities

Commissioner Bowen reported the Wood Pile Pier repairs were approved by CRMC; however, the extension and additional floating dock additions were still under review.

Mooring Implementation

Commissioner Anderson stated the management of the Town floating docks in regards to issues outside of tenant and lease issues could be determined by the Jamestown Harbor Commission. Issues such as time limits, seasonability, storage, maintenance, and usage could be discussed by the Jamestown Harbor Commission.

Technology

Vice Chairman Kallfelz was absent.

Harbor Management Ordinance/Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan

Chairman deAngeli stated the Harbor Management Ordinance/Comprehensive Harbor Management Plan revision is on hold until the staffing situation is resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Review of Harbor Department Staffing

A discussion on the draft memo to the Town Council ensued. Commissioner Bowen questioned the decision to recommend a Harbormaster instead of a Harbor Manager. Commissioner Anderson stated that flexibility in the

hours the Harbormaster can work and the unemployment compensation collected by the Harbormaster are the only reasons for not staying with the current system.

Chairman deAngeli moved to accept the memo as agree to as presented with a correction on the fiscal year ending date, Commissioner Little seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

CORRESPONDENCE

C. 8/20/09; RIMS, re: Allen mooring forfeiture

Commissioner Bowen moved to accept the correspondence, Commissioner Anderson seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

OPEN FORUM-CONTINUED

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Brown moved to adjourn at 8:29PM; Commissioner Little seconded. So voted; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Devlin
Harbor Clerk