

## TOWN OF CLINTON HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

April 14, 2016  
Regular Meeting

Present: Steve Hayes, Dave Adams, John Olson, John Sullivan, Phyllis Traynor

Also present: Tim Wahl - Dock Master

Absent: Don Gesick, Lou Bassett, Wayne Church – Harbor Master

Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

### APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Adams made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from March 10, 2016 seconded by Sullivan. The motion was accepted and the minutes unanimously approved.

### VISITORS

George Harris and Mike Gilman of Indian River Shellfish reported that they continue to manage the oyster beds. The restoration project is part of the \$250k Unilever settlement which included a plan to establish an environmental shellfish restoration project.

Officer Joe O'Brien of the Clinton Police Department said that law enforcement is an issue in and around the marina. A major safety concern is the ski area that is basically unmarked. Any signage would have to be permanently installed in accordance with DEEP. Often, boat operators are not within the designated ski area. There was a lengthy discussion about the ordinance that was enacted more than 50 years ago and was last amended in 1989 to allow for tubing. It was agreed that the 'spirit' of the ordinance did not anticipate boats more than 16' or over 25hp. Discussion included limiting the size of the vessel which would require a town ordinance. Because the area is only usable during high tide Olson suggested doing away with the ski area altogether. O'Brien suggested HMC put some more signage in the dock office to include a map/diagram of the area and list of rules.

The #1 issue for law enforcement is safety. The schedule for marine patrol will allow for the boat to be out 7 days a week during the day shift with a civilian operator and one officer. O'Brien explained there are budget limitations to being out more or to include hours later in the day.

The commission expressed their appreciation to O'Brien and the whole Clinton PD for their assistance.

The commission also expressed their support of their work being done by Indian River Shellfish.

### SLIP AND STAKE ASSIGNMENTS, PAYMENTS

Slips and stakes have been assigned for the 2016 season. Waiting for two final payments.

### MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND LAUNCH RAMP REPAIR

RACE (engineer) continues work on the COP for the dredging project.

Invoices have been received from RACE and sent to the Finance Director for payment (not in HMC budget).

DOCKMASTER REPORT

Dock staff will start on April 30 on weekends.

Water has been turned on.

Expecting a busy weekend with forecasted weather.

Started collecting ramp fees.

Aluminum town boat was painted with copper paint which resulted in a lot of pitting. Will need further repairs.

HARBORMASTER REPORT

None.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Adams. Seconded by Sullivan. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Recording secretary, Joan Lewis