

TOWN OF CLINTON HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

September 8, 2016
Regular Meeting

Present: Hayes, Olsen, Adams, Sullivan, Bassett

Also present: Wahl – Dockmaster; Peter Neff – Director of Clinton Public Works

Not present: Traynor, Gesick; Wayne Church-Harbor Master

Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

NEW COMMISSIONER

Doug Traynor was not present.

VISITORS

Indian River Shellfish – Mike Gilman, George Harris and Spencer Hall were present.

Gilman stated that last year, they tried to leave the oysters in the cages as they are but they are vulnerable during the full moon and the new moon. Last year, they lost approximately 50% of the farm over the winter to the temps.

They are requesting permission to rent out the marina mid-December through March for storage of the cages. They are willing to pay for the space; cages will not touch the docks. They will simply be kept between docks to protect from weather extremes. Because the dredging most likely will not take place this winter they will pay the Town to rent the space. They have approximately 150 cages, 3' square. Oysters are dormant all winter but they cannot be in the air when the tide is out.

Hayes requested that they put the proposal in writing to the Commission. They will include a certificate of insurance naming the Town as additional insured. They will attend the next regular meeting to be held on October 13th.

MAINTENANCE DREDGING AND LAUNCH RAMP REPAIR

Sullivan reported that he completed the soil sampling for the Town. He (along with his son and daughter) spent a full day collecting seven core samples as required by the lab. Ocean Surveyors, Inc. provided the boat to Sullivan. The Commission expressed their thanks to Sullivan and the company for

providing the service at a discount. Sullivan submitted a greatly reduced invoice for the work. It will be submitted to DPW.

He received a package from the testing lab today but had not yet had time to review. Once he does, he will forward to the engineer - Roberge. Roberge will then send it to DEEP and Army Corp of Engineers to review. Most likely, some material will be deposited upland and some off shore.

Motion to accept and approve invoice from Sullivan was made by Adams; Seconded by Olsen. The motion was accepted and unanimously approved.

The Commission thanked Gesick for his work on the topographical survey at no charge.

HMC is on the schedule with CEC on October 13th to present the need for funding the dredging and launch repair project. Hayes will be working on that in the next couple of weeks and will send draft to commission. It is expected that a special meeting will need to be scheduled before the CEC meeting to discuss the project. Neff suggests that the information be sent to him for review. He spoke, at length, about the need to be thorough when submitting the proposal. It must include all services needed: electric, construction monitoring and supervision, disposal, engineering, a clerk of the works, etc. and at least a 15% contingency fund.

DOCKMASTER REPORT

Launch ramp needs some repairs. DPW will do them with HMC approval. Adams made motion to authorize the Department of Public Works to remove launch ramp docks, to inspect and repair them this fall. Motion was seconded by Olsen. The motion was accepted and unanimously approved.

Wahl reported that many of the slips will not be usable next season without dredging. There are a lot of slips that are not accessible at low tide. He was able to temporarily move some of the boats to empty slips for the 2016 season. Some of the 'mud slips' he was also able to reassign for the 2016 season only by offering a discount. The lottery will be held in November but there most likely, will not be any slips available. Renewals and invoices will be sent out next week. No discounts or special accommodations will be offered.

Wahl provided his observations and recommendations for handling the parking at the marina. There was a lengthy discussion about the parking lot. All overnight parking should be in the gravel lot. The marina lot is public parking but it can and should be regulated to optimize its use. All summer, there were between 20 and 27 cars parked overnight in the main lot.

Adams made a motion to adopt and advise all marina customers and Cedar Island residents of new parking procedures effective for the 2017 season. The motion was seconded by Olsen. The motion was accepted and unanimously approved. Wahl will work with Neff to establish the policy to be distributed.

HARBORMASTER REPORT

None

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Bassett. Seconded by Adams. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Recording secretary, Joan Lewis