

TOWN OF CLINTON HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

January 12, 2017
Regular Meeting

Present: Steve Hayes, John Olsen, Don Gesick, John Sullivan

Also present: Peter Neff - Director of Public Works
Wayne Church – Harbor Master arrived at 7pm

Not present: Lou Bassett, Dave Adams, Doug Traynor, Tim Wahl – Dock Master

Hayes called meeting to order at 6:32 pm

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

2017 CALENDAR

The meeting calendar for 2017 was reviewed. Olsen made a motion to accept the meeting calendar, seconded by Sullivan. The motion was accepted and the calendar approved.

DREDGING AND LAUNCH REPAIR

Neff reported there was a meeting of the Bonding Committee today to include the dredging project.

Sullivan reported that the RACE continues the permitting process. Approval is needed for open water disposal. Cornfield is still closed; will most likely dispose of dredged material in New Haven.

Neff reports that once the project is funded, it will most likely be assigned by the Board of Selectmen to the Municipal Building Committee. Neff further stated that the Commission should not approve any invoices or quotes or spend any more money. There are invoices outstanding for both RACE and Riverside Basin. Hayes will follow up on those invoices with Janet Murphy – Finance Director. Neff explained that purchase orders should have been issued for the expenses. Hayes stated that POs had been used in the past but he had been instructed not to a few years ago.

Olsen made a motion, seconded by Sullivan to approve payment of outstanding bills after Hayes reviews them.

There was a lengthy discussion about the role of the HMC. The Commission will continue to be responsible for establishing policies, fee schedules, long term planning. Neff explained that no other Commissions have spending authority. The Town will consolidate all capital projects. Commissions that meet once per month are not equipped to manage projects such as these.

DOCKMASTER REPORT

None

HARBORMASTER REPORT

Church expressed concern whether the Town values their volunteerism and expertise of its commission members.

There was a discussion about the Town boat. It is currently at Cedar Island Marina for winter storage. Motor has been winterized. Bottom paint has been completed. Neff stated that the responsibility of the Town boat is being moved to the Dock Master. A list of eligible operators and a policy for use will be established similar to that of the fire and police boats.

Repairs are needed for No Wake buoys. Hayes reported that HMC budgets approximately \$5000 for navigation aids.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Sullivan. Seconded by Gesick. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Lewis, Recording Secretary