

Warren Harbor Commission
Minutes from the November 4th, 2015 Meeting

Present

William J. Kemp (chairman)
Don Betts
Julie Blount
Tom Culora
Bill Hunt
Jan Reitsma
Ed Cabral – Harbormaster
David Pion – Assistant Harbormaster

Absent:

Craig Lippman

Meeting Opened by Chairman Kemp at 7:04 PM

1. Minutes of October 7, 2015 meeting unanimously approved as distributed
2. Harbormaster's report
 - a. Successful 2015 season. 52 patrols on Warren and Kickemuit Rivers (credit to assistant harbor masters). Commercial docks replaced (fishermen still working on remaining floats); site will be cleaned up before snow arrives. Engineering survey approved and underway to determine extent, causes and needed repairs of damage to/behind bulkheads; full report will be basis for new RFP.
 - b. Improvements to boat ramp will take time. Exploring funding options.
 - c. DEM grant funding available for public moorings, but ramp and dinghy facilities are higher priority.
 - d. Fee increased for (limited) winter storage.

Comments:

- a. Boat ramp remains priority
 - b. Winter storage service should be discontinued/phased out (given low rates, limited spots available, and private sector storage services)..
3. Harbor Management Plan Update
 - a. Discussion of whether current plan was formally approved by CRMC. It may have been after Town adoption in 2010, but confirmation and paper trail are needed. Ed Cabral (as formal contact) and Bill Hunt will follow up with CRMC.
 - b. Discussion of requirement to be consistent with Comprehensive Plan. Jan Reitsma will follow up with Planning Board and/or Planner to confirm and/or identify issues, if any, that need to be addressed in either plan.
 - c. Discussion of reference to local funding in CRMC guidance and need to allocate funding for needed maintenance/improvements, whether through restricted receipt account or line

items in town budget. Either way, Commission needs to make the case with specific recommendations and estimates.

- d. Most members have not been able to add edits or comments to document converted by Craig Lippman and available through Box program. Edits by Tom Culora and Jan Reitsma for Chapter 1 have been incorporated. Further edits can be made directly or routed through Jan R. until Craig L. returns. Follow-up was assigned as follows:
- Jan R. will follow up with planner to ensure statistics about development and economic growth are up to date, and get her feedback on Shoreline Access (2.7.2) and Shoreline Zoning Districts (2.8)
 - Chairman Kemp will ask Davison Bolster to review History (2.2), and edit as necessary; as well as update/expand Public Access (2.7.2)
 - Ed C. will work on edits to Fish and Shellfish Resources (2.5.2) and Commercial Fishing (2.6.1), as well as edit language relating to pump-out facilities (2.6.3)
 - Julie Blount will forward comments/edits for Current Uses (2.6), in particular Other Commercial Uses (2.6.2) to Jan R. who will make the edits
 - Bill Hunt will gather information on improvements at Town Beach, to be added to Recreational Areas (2.7.1) and for updates, if any, to Waterfront Areas (2.8)..

4. Other Business

Julie Blount is leaving the Commission due to (too many) other commitments. Resignation accepted with regret. Suggestions for replacement made; chairman Kemp will follow up.

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

William J. Kemp, Chairman

Craig Lippman, Secretary