

East Providence

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

August 1, 2006 Minutes

Present: David W. Murray (Chairman), Frederick C. Bieberbach, Jr. (Vice Chairman), Lee Hastings III, E. Howard McVay, Jr., Alan Dillon (Secretary), Bruce Dufresne (Harbormaster).

Absent: Mike Tracy, Anthony Perry.

Called to order 1901 hrs

Minutes of June 6, 2006 meeting accepted with minor corrections.

Old Business:

1. Captain Howard McVay reported to the EPHMC that the ACOE is holding money for the Dredging Project of Bullock Cove but the balance is not secured. The House Budget at the Federal level did not approve the funds necessary to continue with the dredging of Bullock Cove. The federal budget is currently under review by the Senate. This 1.5 million dollar project is short of funding by

approximately \$900,000 which will be needed for this dredging project to continue. On behalf of the EPHMC, chairman Murray will send a letter to the City Council recommending that the City officials contact the congressional delegation to secure the Federal funding for this project.

2. The status of Public Right of Way review is ongoing.

3. The EPHMC reviewed the proposed ordinance changes which refer to the following categories: *Harbormaster and Assistant Training

*No discharge permits decal for MSD – (marine sanitation devise)

*Mooring Field and Permitting

*Fees and Penalties

*Towing and moving of vessels

*Abandoned vessels and structures

In light of a report from the harbormaster that a few moorings due for inspection this year had failed over the winter and early spring, the EPHMC discussed a possible change of the frequency of mooring tackle inspections, currently 3 years. Rather than change the inspection schedule, the members unanimously recommended that the harbormaster contact the vendors who service the tackle, and include some information about failed moorings in the renewal notices that get sent at the beginning of the year. The a motion was made and passed unanimously that the chairman forward the proposed changes to Councilman Peter Midgley with a cover letter. He will ask for the changes to be reviewed by the solicitor's office

ASAP and then forwarded to the Council for approval.

4. The Planning department is still awaiting feedback from Kevin Cute at CRMC regarding the update to our adopted Harbor Management Plan.

New Business:

1. No correspondences have been received by the EPHMC since the last meeting.

2. No correspondences have been sent by the EPHMC since the last meeting.

3. Harbormaster's Department Report for August 1, 2006:

- AHM Silva resigned in mid June and has taken as assistant's position with the Town of Barrington. Harbormaster Dufresne is accepting resumes from interested and qualified individuals.**

- MSD inspections have been going well with about 80 completed to date. Harbormaster Dufesne will be posting a reminder notice at NTYC and sending email to mooring holders as most of the inspections have been done in the marina's with very few being done to mooring holders.**

- Mooring Inspections have been completed on all but 3 moorings as of this date.**

- AHM Popolillo and Harbormaster Dufresne responded to Motiva for the pier fire and assisted the Providence and East Providence Fire Depts. As a result, the EPFD is going to actively try to replace their**

antiquated Fire boats. Mr. Dufresne has offered his assistance to them.

- **Captain Barlow and Harbormaster Dufresne are working on a \$25k DHS grant for training money as well as an infrared camera, night vision goggles and stabilizer binoculars.**

- **Harbormaster Dufresne would like to move forward with several ordinance updates and changes including the MSD regulations, February 28th as the mooring renewal deadline, and increasing the fines for abandoned boats.**

Meeting adjourned 2002 hrs.

Respectively Submitted,

Alan J. Dillon, Secretary