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## **HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

HMC Meeting  
DATE: Wednesday February 7, 2024  
TIME 7:00 PM  
LOCATION: Chester Town Hall

### **Minutes**

The meeting came to order at 7:02 pm

In attendance were Commissioner Kane, Commissioner King, Commissioner Hays  
Commissioner Foggitt, Harbor Master Libby, Dick Leighton and Cameron Evangelisti.

Dick Leighton and Cameron Evangelisti presented their initial estimate for the repair of the Parkers Point boat launch ramp. The initial estimate presented was \$11,000.00. Their current target date for repair completion is April 1. Commissioner Kane inquired about the inclusion of contingencies and engineering fees, which were not included in the proposal. Commissioner Kane will work with Finance director to determine funding.

Commissioner Kane shared the update from the 2/6 USACE call. The initial testing of the Hydrilla in the CT River is complete and they have chosen 5 sites in which they will do next phase of testing. This phase to take place in the spring will include on an operational scale with registered products including Rhodamine dye in the herbicide to determine management treatment effectiveness. The site chosen are Keeny Cove, Portland Boat Works, Chester Boat Basin, Seldens Cove, Chapman Pond. The commissioners agreed to ensure the boating public is notified of the testing dates once released.

The DEEP sent the HMC the official notice of "Acknowledgement of Abandoned Vessel Filing No. 24-019. The finish date is noted as March 15,2024. At that time the boat will be prepared for destruction.

The Alliance Roundtable meeting, being our 1 year anniversary, was successful and the group will continue to meet quarterly.

Commissioner Kane shared the 2024-25 budget submission which included a request for annual funding into the capital budget to offset long term dredging responsibilities.

Commission adjourned at 8:04