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**Harbor Management Commission**  
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**Chester Harbor Management Commission**  
**Special Meeting, October 4, 2017**  
**@ 4:00 PM**  
**Chester Town Hall,**  
**Conference Room C**  
**203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, CT**

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order
  - a. By Chm Severance at 1605
  - b. A Quorum was established
  - c. In attendance:
    - i. Chm Severance, Commissioners Adams, and Ward
    - ii. Harbormaster Libby
2. Welcome Guest/s
  - a. Keith Neilson Docko, Inc.
  - b. Kelly Neilson
3. New Business
  - A. Chester Marina Permit Application

Chm Severance pointed out three areas in the Chester Marina “New Marina Perimeter” application that are troublesome.

    - 1) Cover Letter of Application; verbiage reads like they were changing the “footprint” of the marina.
    - 2) Page 1 of 10 in Application: They need to indicate they have contacted us C-HMC
    - 3) Page 6 of 10 in Application; Part IV.1a: verbiage to be modified to not look like the Applicant will be “establishing a marina perimeter along the Creek”  
This we would not allow.

Other members discussed the application and agreed with the suggested changes.

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Keith, the PE for the project will re verbalize/change our areas of concern, and send them to us; at which point the CHM will write a letter to DEEP, of approval of the Application.

#### B. Deputy Harbor Master Nominations

- 1) Commissioner Adams expressed an interest in becoming a Deputy Harbormaster
- 2) The commissioners and HM discussed who would also be interested in the DHM position.
- 3) We must submit three candidates to the Governor for selection of one.

#### 3. Harbormaster's Report

Cy reported it has been a quiet summer on our waterfront. There were only 4 new mooring permits issued. Other marinas in the area are also way down on mooring applications.

#### 5. Reports of Committees

##### Water Quality Report

In Jeb's absence, he sent in the results of our summer Chester Creek Water Quality Testing Program. A real success was our requirement bird spikes be installed under the new Main Street Bridge. The sample just below the bridge showed a the water quality ( E-Coli) count to be only 35.3% of what it was before the bridge was replace. The count; however, at the testing sight below the confluence of Great Brook and the Pattaconk was up 216%. The site just above the Middlesex Ave Bridge was also up. It was up 284.3%. The count at the mouth of Chester Creek was the same as the last testing. The last testing was done in 2013.

#### 6. Old Business

Chm Severance reported that we (the Chm) manages the CT River Pumpout Boat Program. I was co-managed by a member (the owner of Essex Island Marina ) of the Essex HMC. Since EIM was sold to Brewers; we have had to go it alone. The POB activity has been significant. Last season we pumped 110,000 gallons of waste from boats on the Lower CT River.

#### 7. Adjournment: 1645

Joel P. Severance, Chairman