

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING

1. Meeting call to order: 3:34
2. Members Present: Jeb, Ed, Carolyn, & Chm Joel
3. Ex-Officio Members: CY
4. Guests Present: None
5. Acceptance of October 10th Meeting Minutes
 - Ed to Accept
 - Jeb Second
 - No Discussion
 - Approval; Unanimous
6. Mouth of Chester Creek Project UPDATES
 - A. CPA:
 - In state of flux
 - When the Board is reorganized, they will vote on approval of pending grants
 - B. BOS: Approved subject to BOF Cost Share approved by the Town (Meeting)
 - C. IWWA Approval on File
 - D. BOF Waiting for communication with BOS for a Town Meeting for Cost Share
 - E. P&Z Town Ordinance re P&Z and State statutes show they have no authority on the Dredging Project; unless there is construction involved.
 - F. DEEP and ACoE
 - ACOE has been unresponsive to DEEP, and our consulting Engineer
 - Our project only needs an OK; as we fit into their "Does not affect" regulations.
7. Dock Road Flooding Mitigation Grant - UPDATE
 - Jeb reported on status of DEEP/FEMA Pre Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Application
 - A lot of work has taken place since the Grant was announced; including communications with three prospective (qualified) bidders for the project
 - One problem was the documents that require responses, are done on-line. One of the Forms is 25 pages long, with not enough space to answer the questions. So; 15 Attachments were developed.
 - The big stumbling block was the time frame between the grant notification and the Due Date (COB November 26th) . All but one key deliverable has been completed. An engineering study, recommendations and cost/s are needed for submission to prospective vendors. Particularly to complete the Cost/Benefit Form.

A mutual decision was reached, including First Selectman Gister to hold off till next year for the Grant Application.

8. Harbor Management Plan - UPDATE

Carolyn reported she's working on it including ensuring the Plan states clearly "no rafting of vessels while in one of the mooring fields (where the mooring equipment is regulated) and particularly in Chester Creek

9. Corrections and updating the DEEP 2020 Boaters Guide

Chm Joel reported on the unsuccessful attempts to have the DEEP correct the rafting verbiage error in the 2019 BOATERS GUIDE; for the 2020 GUIDE.

Samples were hand delivered twice including what the Plan states.

They commented that unless our HMP was specifically covered by Town Ordinance; in spite of it being posted in the Town Website, they wouldn't change the existing verbiage.

For the record, a subsequent e-mail message was sent up to them.

10. Other

Carolyn recommended we develop an HMC Project Plan; showing what projects we have in the works and including due dates.

11. Adjournment: 4:32

Ed to Adjourn
Jeb Second
No Discussion
Approval; Unanimous



Joel P. Severance,
Acting Secretary