

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES January 22, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING

- I Meeting Called to Order: 3:40
- II Members Present: Gordon Van Ness, Carolyn Kane & Joel Severance
- III Ex-Officio Members: Michael Adams & Cy Libby
- IV Guests: None
- V Election of Chairman for 2020;
Severance only nomination
Motion by Gordon, Second by Carolyn, Joel abstention
Approved
- VI Acceptance of November 21st Meeting Minutes:
Carolyn motion Gordon second; unanimous approval
- VII Chester Creek Dredging Project
DEEP Certificate of Permission/License
Received
 - A. BOS Approval on way
 - B. BOF Approval on way
 - C. ACoE DEEP COP personally delivered by Keith Neilson from Docko; so their approval expected
 - D. CPA: Only blocking of project for us as well as other municipalities is the political “haggling” in Hartford of the bonding. Our coastal grants are just one of many.

Upon receipt of the grant we will go out to a minimum of three prospective vendors for the dredging.
- VIII Combining with Hays Haven and Chester Marina COP
Our Dredging Project and disposal of the material is being combined with Hays Haven that is the new owner of Chester Marina. DEEP has approved.
- IX 2020 > 2021 Budget
 - A. Supplies has been increased from \$100 to \$200 for next year.
 - B. We have added \$10,000 to the five year out Capital Budget. It will eventually be \$10,000 each out to ten years; for our ten year Creek Dredging need.

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- C. The other option for the future is an assessment to be charged to the Marinas and Yacht Clubs in the Creek for the dredging costs.
- X Chester Point Restaurant Application
We have questions re the effect on the boaters in the basin and loss of boat winter storage on the hard at the site where parking will be.
Chm to pursue details of the Plan.
- XI Harbor Management Plan Update:
Carolyn working on it.
Upon completion it will be sent to the Town for approval
The update and Town approval (via ordinance) is needed, as DEEP won't enforce anything that is not in an approved HMP or their regulations. Chm Severance ran into this "roadblock" when trying to correct the 2019 Boaters Guide: for the 2020 version.
- XII Dock Road Flooding Mitigation Grant - UPDATE
Application was "taken off the table" in 2019 due to the time ran out on project information; particularly for additional engineering drawings they (DEEP) wanted and our Public Works suggestion of a modification.
Will be pursued again in 2020
Yesterday the Project was put on the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan during a workshop.
- XIII Other:
A Boat Fees, not Tax, [from Jeb] for future Harbor Maintenance and Improvement Projects
Probably should be restricted to the occupants in Chester Creek.
Another option: allocation to marinas and yacht clubs the year of the "harbor Improvement" work and based on the number of boat slips and bulkhead spaces they have.
B Bacteria testing should be done annually in the Creek. Just downstream of Chester Center, below Great Brook, above the Middlesex Ave. Bridge and at the mouth of the Creek. And only once or twice a year?
Chm to pursue with the Health District to fund it.
- XIV Adjournment: 5:01



Joel Severance
Acting Secretary

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