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HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Meeting called to Order 3PM

Members On-Line:

Joel Severance, Carolyn Kane, Ed Ward, Jeb Barrington,
Harbor Masters: Cy Libby, Mike Adams

Guests On-Line:

Keith Neilson; Docko, James Hayes; Hays Haven Marina, Steven Carlson; Chester Point Marina

AGENDA

1 & 2) Dredging Projects Hays Haven Marina and Chester Point Marina

Keith presented

Motion to approve: unanimous

3) Application for approval for the installation of "small" boat docks adjacent to the point on Chester Creek. In front of the Restaurant under construction.

Keith presented

Extensive discussion re "no interference" with boater traffic in the Creek.

Guidelines were outlined

Motion to approve: unanimous

4) FUNDING: for the DREDGING OF THE MOUTH OF CHESTER CREEK PROJECT

Chm Severance detailed the history of obtaining the funding from the State and then the Town. Both have not gone well.

An extensive discussion ensued ending with: because of the urgent need for the dredging to be done NOW we need to pursue funding elsewhere.

Reasoning is that the mouth now only has two (2) feet of depth at low tide. This will scare boaters away. Historically we have dredged the mouth every 10 years. It now has been 11.

If we don't do it NOW the consequences would be loss of revenue to the Marinas and Yacht Clubs*, the Marine Engineering Firm's Dock; OH and the Town Dock for Fire, PD and HM boats.

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And to local businesses; given only 6% of the boat owners are Chester resident:s
* Resulting in reduced tax revenue to the Town if they
go out of business or limit the slips to small boats only.

A recommendation was made we access the facilities in the Creek based on their
number of slips.

A discussion ensued and concluded that James Hays would approach the
facilities on the Creek; requesting funds to pay for the Dredging....this year.

HM Adams had done a survey of the number of slips each. He will provide
the numbers.

Motion to approve: unanimous

Motion to adjourn: 4:47
Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Severance, Chm