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HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday May 12, 2021

Meeting called to Order 7:03PM

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

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome new member: Mike King
- 2 Dock Road Raising: Report by Jeb Barrington
- 3 Harbor Masters: Report on boating activities and how busy the marinas are, and an increased number of mooring requests coming in.
- 4 Marina Change of ownership: Jamey Hays of Hays Haven has purchased Chester Marina.
- 5 Other Dredging Projects in the works: Hays Haven's basin, Chester Point's basin. Springfield YC (haven't seen it yet)
- 6 Dredging of the Mouth of Chester Creek:
Chm Severance reminded every one of the histories of the project including:
Chester was the number one on a list of 13 Projects to be funded by the State Bonding Commission
Before we (all of us) received our Approvals to proceed from the Army Corps of Engineers the Governor stopped the Bonding Commission from awarding grants. Guessing, under pressure from all of us, the Bonding Commission recently announced they would "loan us all the Money" but it has to be paid back.

We sent a request to the BOS to forward on to the BOF funding (1/2 of the State grant). They didn't comply. We also requested an amount to be paid out of the \$25,000.00 in the Budget now, to the Consultant who has done and continues to do a lot of work on our behalf. Also not forwarded to the BOF.

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We do have enough budget to fund the purchase and installation of two NO WAKE ZONE signs in the Creek.

We approached the Marinas and Yacht Clubs in the Creek to fund the dredging. It is extremely important to them; given how the Mouth of the Creek has filled in. This dredging has to be done every 10 years. They agreed.

BUT, the ACoE still didn't sign off on the project. This also held up the DEEP.

We ran out of time. We cannot block-off the mouth of the Creek in June+

We voted to delay the dredging until after September 30th.

Both the ACoE and DEEP have agreed in writing to this delay. Our consultant, Keith Neilson, of Docko and I discussed this at length.

- 7 Any new items to add: There is, in the early stages a Peterson (Railroad Ave). property owner considering a Dock in Deep River Creek. We haven't seen a request yet.
- 8 Chm Severance announced his retirement, after 32 years on the HMC.
Carolyn was proposed as his replacement.
Motion to approve: unanimous
- 9 Motion to approve Mike King to become a regular member.
Motion to approve: unanimous
Request for approval to be sent to the BOS.

Motion to adjourn: 8:03
Approved unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Joel Severance