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HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

HMC Meeting
DATE: Wednesday February 2, 2022
TIME: 7:00 PM

Location: *Town Hall Closed-* **Google Meeting**

Google Meet joining info
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/buy-ngcw-uid>

Minutes

Meeting Called to order at 7:02

Members in attendance: Carolyn Kane, Meredith Devanney, John Chillock, Mike King
Deputy Harbor Master Michael Adams

Chairman provided update on the status of Chester Creek Dredging Project. Project is on target to come in on budget. Chairman waiting for response from CPA on outstanding budget questions. Contractor working with their insurance agent finalizing all coverage as required by SHIPP Grant.

Commissioner King advised the group of the availability and deadline for an Invasive Species Grant. Do to the deadline being weeks end the Commission will not pursue at this time.

Chairman provided status of Commission membership and discussed the open full membership position created by Commissioner Van Ness retirement. Motion was made by Commissioner Chillock to move Commissioner Devanney from an alternate membership to full membership. The motion was seconded by Commissioner King. Motion carried.

Chairman shared the request from Commissioner Barrington to move from a full member to an alternate to accommodate his schedule. Commissioner Devanney made a motion to move Commissioner Barrington from full membership to alternate, Commissioner Chillock seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman discussed the open full membership position created by Commissioner Barrington moving to alternate. Commissioner Devanney made a motion to move

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Commissioner Chillock from alternate membership to full, Commissioner King seconded.
Motion carried.

Commission discussed the current \$100.00 pricing of the Mooring Ball Permit fee. After reviewing surrounding town fee schedule and discussion either an incremental increase or a full increase immediately, commissioner Devanney made a motion to increase the fee for 2022 Mooring Ball Permit Fee to \$150.00 effective 2/2/22. Commissioner Chillock seconded. Motion carried. Chairman will request town website be updated to reflect the new fee.

Commission discussed Harbor Master appointment process, current HM status, and the submission of names to the State DEEP. Chairman was authorized to submit 3 names to the DEEP.

Commission discussed potential 2022 initiatives. Commissioner Devanney volunteered to pursue specifics in regards to the governing body responsible for the maintenance of the Chester Boat Ramp. Commission also briefly discussed hosting a Coast Guard Small Watercraft event- to be continued.

Commission discussed 72 Railroad Ave dock request. DHM Adams shared historical discussion points from the 3/2/21 CHMC meeting. Chairman shared memorable discussion points. Commission to continue discussion.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 pm