

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 12/3/2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Richard Friend (Chair), Christopher Pearson (Vice-Chair), Barbara Brusini, Kenneth Powell and Stephen Mendes.

Commissioners Absent: Robert Laforge and Nicole Rainville.

Staff Present: Lea Anthony Hitchen, Assistant Town Planner and Jim Cullen, Harbormaster.

Introductions:

Commission welcomed new member Mr. Stephen Mendes to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Mr. Powell to approve the November 5, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Mr. Pearson.

Approved 5-0.

Harbormaster Report:

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission that the Harbormaster boat is at now stored for the winter at DPW's Bear Swamp Road facility; Firefighter Grady will be winterizing it in the next few days. Mr. Cullen did not have any mooring issues to report.

Update of Chair's Research:

Mr. Friend informed the Commission he had researched any and all statutes of limitations for selling the harbormaster boat considering the boat was purchased by Homeland Security money. He was unable to find any information regarding selling federal funded equipment. Mr. Friend had also researched the RIDEM "Derelict Boat/Dock" Fund regarding the tied-up docks located in the lower Cove. He found that in order to obtain use of that fund the boat has to be registered – the tied up boats are not registered and does therefore not help.

Mr. Friend also prepared draft mooring tackle inspection standards for the Commission members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

2015 Meeting Schedule

The Commissioners unanimously decided to cancel the January meeting; the next meeting would be February 4th. Mr. Cullen would be out of town during the February, March and April meetings. The Commission would continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:30 in the Town Council Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

Commissioners' Roundtable:

Mr. Pearson requested the King Street ROW be kept on the agenda and the CRMC be more involved in the situation

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4th at 4:30.

Motion by Ms. Brusini to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mendes. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.