

Cove Commission meeting notes

Date- 9/3/2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Richard Friend (Chair), Christopher Pearson (Vice-Chair), Barbara Brusini, Robert Laforge, and Nicole Rainville.

Others Present: Sarah Lincoln of 25 Water Street.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Ms. Brusini to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Rainville.

Approved 5-0.

Harbormaster Report:

Mr. Cullen informed the Commission the overall boating season went pretty well with only being called out of the Cove to assist the Coast Guard on a few occasions. He just got the boat back from New England Inflatables and still has not received permission from the Federal government to release the boat. Mr. Cullen is currently working with Lt. Clement to prepare the appropriate paperwork for the Federal government to in turn sign.

Mr. Cullen was aware of the derelict dock wedged by the Town dock; he has made contact with the Highway Garage to remove it.

When questioned about the paddleboard companies located at Finn's and Norton's, Mr. Cullen noted that both companies appeared to have a successful year and there was only a couple of occasions he had to tow paddleboarders in.

Review of Ordinances Chapter 34, Article II Cove Management Commission and Chapter 128 Harbor Management:

The Commissioners discussed the need to update the mooring tackle section of the ordinance. Mr. Friend volunteered to draft the mooring tackle ordinance.

King Street ROW

Ms. Brusini had researched and found language from the East Providence Harbor Management Plan with regard to rights-of-way to the water; specifically section 13-99 which states that no person shall block, barricade or in any way impede the public use of or access to designated public rights-of-way to the water as defined by CRMC or the city; no person shall store a vessel or structure on a designated public right-of-way to the water as defined by the CRMC or the city. East Providence also has a \$100-

\$1000 penalty for blocking, barricading, or impeding use of or access to designated right-of-way. The suggestion was made to implement these stipulations into the East Greenwich HMP.

Commissioners' Roundtable:

Ms. Hitchen questioned whether the Commissioners would have any interest in asking Kevin Cute from CRMC to attend an upcoming meeting to inform us where the town stands regarding the update of the Harbor Management Plan and preliminary steps the Commission needs to take as well as obtain CRMCs perspective/standpoint of the ROWs; specifically to have Mr. Cute educate Staff and the Commission on the ROWs. The Commission was on board.

Mr. Friend verified he would reach out to RIDEM in order to get an update regarding the Goddard Park dredging project.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Tabled until next month.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1st at 4:30.

Motion by Mr. Pearson to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Laforge. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.