

Five Mile River Commission
May 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes
(Meeting via ZOOM)

Commissioners in attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)
Wim Jessup (Commissioner)
Craig Jung (Commissioner)

Also present:

Steve Bartush, Harbor Superintendent

Absent: John deRegt (Commissioner)

Chairman Marion opened the Five Mile River Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m., and requested a motion ratifying the Commission's prior e-approval of its March 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jessup so moved, and Commissioner Jung seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Next, the Commission unanimously ratified its May 18, 2021 dredging-related decision for 195 Rowayton Avenue in Rowayton, which was submitted to the DEEP, and its "Statement of No Objection", which was submitted to the City of Norwalk and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Then, the Commission heard from Garrett Friedrichsen, the volunteer manager of the Town Dock. Mr. Friedrichsen described an ongoing situation where an immediate neighbor at 57 Rowayton Avenue had docked his inflatable directly across the ingress and egress route between the Town Dock and the federal channel. The Commission confirmed that it had inspected the site and that the boat was improperly docked. Commissioner Jung agreed to reach out to the property owner to see if the matter could be resolved informally.

Next, Mr. Bartush presented his May 2021 report to the Commission. His report covered the following issues: (i) recent transient boater inquiries, including one transient boater who stayed for a night via Dockwa and one potential weeklong transient boater; (ii) Boatworks' workboat-related issues which are delaying completion of the mooring field for at least 4-5 boaters; (iii) the completion of the lower section of mooring string B; (iv) the presence of two dock trespassers on the river; (v) the creation of a mooring waiting list; (vi) Edwards Marine's installation of a new 800 lb. anchor at the south end of one of the transient moorings, along with a 500 lb. anchor at the northern end of the mooring; (vii) the planned installation of the Roylan red nun buoy, small navigation buoys, and kayak buoy trail in the river; (viii) the need for marina slip numbering; (ix) the need for better access to the marina databases to facilitate use fee collection; (x) the planned visit of the Department of Aquaculture to the river; (xi) the need to streamline the HS's phone reimbursement; and (xii) a system of fuel reimbursement for the HS's private vessel when the HS is conducting official Commission business.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:50 pm. The Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 15th, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. To join the meeting, please contact Matt Marion in advance of the meeting via email at mmarion@marionlawllc.com to obtain the relevant meeting entry code.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent