

Five Mile River Commission
October 21, 2021 Minutes
(Meeting via ZOOM)

Commissioners in attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)

Craig Jung (Commissioner)

Wim Jessup (Commissioner)

Absent: John deRegt, Commissioner
Steve Bartush, Harbor Superintendent

The Five Mile River Commission commenced its on-line meeting via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.

At the outset, Chairman Marion thanked the Harbor Superintendent (HS) for providing his detailed written report earlier in the week and initiated discussions about how the Commission might be able to assist the HS regarding administrative tasks related to the HS-position. The Commission agreed to progress these discussions at its next meeting.

Chairman Marion then focused on the Commission's YTD financial results, including the slightly improved use fee collections from slip users and mooring permittees and increased 2021 capital expenses due to the acquisition and maintenance of navigation aids in the river. As regards use fees, the Commission agreed to explore several ways to improve collections, including direct billing through the marinas, an updated database of slip holders, and possibly the internal numbering of slips within marinas.

The Commission also discussed the addition of signage to warn less experienced boaters entering the river about shoreline rocks adjacent to the Rowayton Beach Association. Based on the HS's recommendation and the Commissioners' observations, the Commission asked the HS to submit a written request to purchase and install such signage.

Last, the Commission discussed standardizing the basic ground tackle used by mooring holders. The Commissioners agreed to discuss appropriate standards, including chain length and anchors, at their December meeting, and to consider recommendations by the interested marine service providers.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:50 pm. The Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 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