

Five Mile River Commission  
July 14, 2022 Minutes

*In attendance:*

Matt Marion (Chairman)

Craig Jung (Commissioner)

Wim Jessup (Commissioner)

John deRegt (Commissioner)

and

Steve Bartush (Harbor Superintendent)

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

Chairman Marion opened the meeting with a moment of silence to honor John Romano, former chairman of the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, who recently passed. The Commission and Harbor Superintendent extended their sincere condolences to the Romano family and to John's many friends and colleagues.

Mr. Marion initiated discussions about the relocation of three mooring string sections currently in place between the dock at 135 Five Mile River Rd. (FMRR), Darien, and the federal channel, and a replacement dock proposed for 35 Rowayton Avenue, Norwalk.

The Commission confirmed the applicant at 135 FMRR had satisfied its burden of demonstrating it had continuously maintained its accessway between 135 FMRR and the federal channel, and, therefore, unanimously approved the applicant's request. In response to the Commission's request for a timetable, Harbor Superintendent (HS) Bartush confirmed that a local marine contractor had agreed to relocate the strings in front of 135 FMRR before the end of July. The Commission inquired whether the strings could be combined into one relocated section. However, in Mr. Bartush's view, there was probably insufficient space for one section. However, he stated that the strings could probably be consolidated into two strings (rather than three). He agreed to update the Commission when the work is completed.

As regards the dock application for 35 Rowayton Avenue, the Commission discussed and agreed to the draft decision being circulated. Mr. Marion indicated he would send the Commission's final decision to the applicant shortly.

Next, in his HS report, Mr. Bartush reported on the following: (i) modification of the ground tackle for the rock marker buoy adjacent to Rowayton Beach; (ii) the

replacement of the damaged 'no discharge zone' buoy near the harbour mouth and the addition of a second 'no wake' buoy, both of which were approved for purchase by the Commission; (iii) updates to the 2022 mooring wait list; (iv) continued delays by the marine service providers in completing the mooring and ground tackle inspection paperwork and in issuing boat stickers; and (v) harbor use fee collections. After discussion and with no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:55 pm.

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, 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](mailto:mmarion@marionlawllc.com) to obtain the relevant meeting entry code.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission  
and Harbor Superintendent