

Five Mile River Commission
July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)

John deRegt (Commissioner)

Wim Jessup (Commissioner)

Garth Griffiths (Harbor Superintendent)

Guest: Tim Moran

Absent: Craig Jung (Commissioner)

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

Chairman Marion opened the meeting by welcoming Garth Griffiths as the new Harbor Superintendent and expressed the Commission's thanks to retiring Harbor Superintendent (HS) Bartush for his years of service on behalf of the Commission.

Mr. Marion requested a vote from the Commissioners to ratify the Commission's prior online approvals of its January 11, 2024, February 15, 2024, March 21, 2024, and May 16, 2024 meeting minutes, and its June 21, 2024 comments to DEEP regarding the amended dock application covering 27 Rowayton Avenue. Commissioner Jessup so moved, Commissioner DeRegt seconded, and the Commissioners in attendance unanimously approved the minutes and dock application comments.

The Commissioners then discussed briefly the FY 2024 results and lower number of mooring permittees in the river, and agreed to table the issue of mooring demand until the fall. Next, Mr. Marion noted that the harbor was very active and asked the Commissioners and HS Griffiths whether they had received reports of speeding boaters or other issues related to safe operation of boats, kayaks, etc. in the river. HS Griffiths indicated that he had heard no complaints about speeding specifically but had heard reports regarding kayaks straying into the channel and about boat traffic docking/undocking around Rowayton Seafood.

The Commission then noted/discussed Harbor Superintendent Griffiths' July report in which he raised the following topics related to the transition of HS-related tasks work from former HS Bartush: (i) he had set up a dedicated email for the HS (FMRCharborinfo@gmail.com); (ii) he plans to use his personal cell phone to receive HS messages; (iii) he was working with Mr. Bartush to update the current mooring wait list for posting to Norwalk's and Darien's websites; and (iv) he had scheduled a call with Dockwa for next week to update contact information.

With no further business, the Commission adjourned its meeting at 6:35. The Commission's next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. The relevant Zoom entry code for that meeting will be provided in the Commission's public meeting agenda.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission