

Five Mile River Commission
March 24, 2022 Minutes
(Meeting via ZOOM)

In attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)
Craig Jung (Commissioner)
John deRegt (Commissioner)
Wim Jessup (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 discussions regarding harbor use fee collections and YTD financials, the elimination of unregistered moorings along the southwest side of the harbor, the installation of a rock marker buoy at the harbor mouth, the 2022 wait list, and the biannual mooring inspection cycle.

Mr. Marion noted that significant collections during the past 5 weeks had brought YTD collections within 30% of 2021 collections and indicated he would work with Harbor Superintendent (HS) Bartush and the Commission's administrative assistant to expedite the remaining collections. As regards unregistered moorings in the river, the Commission indicated that while it agreed with the HS's recommendation to delay the removal of the majority of these moorings until mid-summer when the regular mooring field was filled, it nonetheless made sense for the contracted mooring service provider to remove obviously abandoned moorings whenever he is working on the strings closest to the harbor mouth. HS Bartush agreed to discuss this with the service provider.

In his HS report, Mr. Bartush reported that he planned to install the recently received rock marker buoy near the river mouth in April before the commencement of the boating season. He also confirmed that he was updating the 2022 waiting list and would provide it to the Commission for public posting in May. Next, Mr. Bartush discussed the refurbishment of the kayak trail, and confirmed that the "lobster pot style" replacement buoys for the trail would be installed this spring. On the subject of fee collections, he noted that several mooring permittees had failed to pay the mandatory use fee. The Commission advised that these mooring holders should not receive their mooring stickers before paying the fee. Mr. Bartush also indicated that the 3 transient moorings on the D string had been inspected and repainted yellow, and that the 2022 transient

fee would be \$40 per diem, as previously set by the Commission. Last, HS Bartush reported that the Norwalk Marine Police was losing at least one officer due to retirement and agreed, at the Commission's request, to invite the current marine officer from Darien and Norwalk to attend the Commission's May meeting via Zoom.

Finally, Commissioner Jung requested materials from the Commission for inclusion on the Facebook page that he is creating for the Commission. The Commission agreed.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:01 pm.

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th, 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 to obtain the relevant meeting entry code.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent