

Five Mile River Commission
February 17, 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 on-line meeting via Zoom at 6:02 p.m.

Chairman Marion initiated the Commission's discussion of several priority items on its 2022 docket: specifically, the collection of harbor use fees, YTD financials, the elimination of phantom moorings along the southwest side of the harbor, the installation of a rock marker buoy at the harbor mouth, the 2022 wait list, the biannual mooring inspection cycle, and possible adjustments to mooring ground tackle standards.

Commissioner DeRegt, working with Commissioner Jung, reported on their communications with local marinas regarding the direct billing/collection of 2022 harbor use fees. Mr. DeRegt confirmed that several marinas have indicated their support for the arrangement, which will help to ensure the fair and timely collection of such fees in support of future dredging.

Next, Chairman Marion commented that YTD financials were significantly worse than in 2021 and recommended that the Commission's secretary be requested to assist in processing mooring application fees. The Commission and Harbor Superintendent (HS) Bartush agreed to the changed procedure.

As regards phantom moorings in the river, the Commission reiterated that the removal of these moorings was a priority but, following the recommendation of the mooring service provider overseeing this project, agreed to defer the removal until the regular mooring field was filled, likely by mid-July.

HS Bartush reported to the Commission that the rock buoy had been received, and that he intended to install it in April before the commencement of the boating season. He also reported that he was preparing the 2022 waiting list, and that the list would include

several boats awaiting suitable draft moorings. He agreed to provide a copy of the list to the Commission for posting with Darien and Norwalk by the end of May.

Next, Mr. Bartush confirmed that the biannual mooring inspection program in the river was proceeding normally. As regards mooring applications, he noted that due to an email glitch, the 2022 dock & mooring applications were emailed later than usual to 2021 customers but that reminders about the submission deadline had also been sent. Also, after discussion, the Commission agreed to table the HS's/Commission's recommendations regarding possible adjustments to mooring ground tackle standards until the end of the year. Commissioner Jessup stated that he would report on the issue again in the fall after Darien had completed its review.

Finally, Commissioner Jung confirmed that he would help to set up a Facebook page to be used by the Commission and HS during the 2022 season.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:02 pm.

The Commission's next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th, 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