

## **Five Mile River Commission Minutes June 7, 2012**

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion, Chairman  
John deRegt  
Dirk Leasure  
Ray Meurer, Harbor Superintendent  
David Snyder, Assistant Harbor

Guests in attendance:

Tim Walsh, mooring permit holder, 12 Green Beach Drive, Rowayton, CT  
Doug Cruikshank, private dock owner, 87 Five Mile River Road, Darien, CT  
Jim Bajek, marine consultant to Mr. Cruikshank, Wilton, NH

Matthew Marion took the chair at 7:36 p.m. and invited Mr. Cruikshank to comment about his application to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for the addition of a lift to his existing dock to accommodate his 40-foot powerboat. Mr. Cruikshank urged the commission to support his application for the boat lift.

Tim Walsh was then invited to speak. Mr. Walsh noted that mooring location D5, which is close to the Community Dock, had been granted to a boat owner other than himself. Mr. Walsh made a request several years ago to move from his present mooring location to a location closer to the Community Dock. It was pointed out that the boat owner who was assigned D5 had been on the wait list for a mooring in the river since 2001 and was next in line to receive a mooring. It was also noted that the only wait list contemplated by the ordinances governing Five Mile River covers boat owners who do not currently moor their boats in the river. There is no mention of a wait list or formal procedure for current mooring holders who wish to relocate their boats to another mooring in the River. However, historically the Harbor Superintendent has worked with current mooring holders to find a suitable alternate, and attempted to do so in Mr. Walsh's case.

Chairman Marion asked for comments regarding the minutes of the April 26, 2012, meeting which were then approved.

A draft of the 155 page Five Mile River Watershed Based Plan was discussed.

A general discussion ensued regarding planning for future dredging of the river including the need for preliminary planning as well as defining the time lines needed to complete dredging and inviting two consultants to present how they might help with the dredging process.

David Snyder presented a draft of the first issue of "Five Mile River Currents" to be emailed to boat owners, marina and boat yard operators, officials of the Town of Darien and the City of Norwalk plus others with an interest in dredging the river.

Tammy Papp, administrative assistant, reported YTD income of \$28,550 and YTD expenses of \$5,321.

Chairman Marion called for an executive session at 9:03 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Remaining meeting dates for 2012 are September 20 and November 15.

All meetings are held in the Boardroom of the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Rowayton, CT beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Meurer  
Harbor Superintendent