

**Five Mile River Commission  
Minutes  
March 4, 2010**

Commission members in attendance:

John deRegt  
Dirk Leasure  
William Jessup  
Ray Meurer, harbor superintendent  
David Snyder, assistant harbor superintendent

Members of the public in attendance:

Mary & Fred Ilchert, owners, Five Mile River Works, Rowayton, CT  
George Ward, manager, Five Mile River Works, Rowayton, CT  
Art van Sciver, owner, The Bait Shop, Rowayton, CT  
Ted O'Neill, owner, All Seasons Marine Works, Rowayton, CT  
Rick Bruggemann, owner, Bruggemann Marina, Rowayton, CT  
Robert Griffith, commercial fisherman, Rowayton, CT  
Ridge Barker, 55 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton, CT

In the absence of Matthew Marion, chairman, John deRegt took the chair at 7:28 p.m. and invited the boatyard representatives to talk about matters that were on their minds pertaining to the River.

Robert Griffith asked when the Community Dock would be put back in the water so that he could bring his two commercial clam boats back into the River. Mr. Griffith uses the dock to unload his daily catch of clams. Art vanSciver's said his crane is used to haul and replace the dock and he could do that at any time. Ray Meurer said he would contact Rainer Maas, community dock master, and ask him to put the dock back in the water.

A general discussion ensued on the following subjects: speeding in the river; kayakers operating in the Federal Channel; slow "No Wake" signs provided by the Commission to be mounted on piling at boatyards and marinas; the planned use of metal mooring tags to number mooring buoys; the need to enforce the inspection of ground tackle every two years; the use of bridles instead of a single pendant to secure boats, especially boats moored at the mouth of the River; the holding power of mushroom anchors versus Darmor anchors; whether or not proof of liability insurance should be required of boat owners; and the perceived westward drift of moorings at the mouth of the River on the Rowayton side.

Mr. deRegt thanked the members of the boatyards and marinas for their comments and invited them to stay for the rest of the meeting.

Financial reports submitted by Tammy Papp, administrative assistant, showed 2010 YTD income of \$21,500 and expenses of \$2,354.11.

Regarding the draft of a letter of agreement to be signed by the Rowayton Yacht Club in which the Club agrees to pay for the maintenance of a proposed transient mooring in front of their club house, Dirk Leasure directed the harbor superintendent to include the following stipulations: the mooring buoys are to be marked with the words "Transient" and "24 Hours;" the agreement is to be reviewed annually; and the mooring is for use by the general public on a first come first serve basis.

Ridge Barker noted that his proposed dock with a boat tied up to it will have a set back from the Federal Channel of from three to four feet.

There being no further business, Mr. deRegt adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The remaining meeting dates for 2010 are May 6, September 14, October 19, and November 30. All meeting start at 7:30 p.m. and are held in the boardroom of the Rowayton Community Center, 33 Highland Ave., Rowayton, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Meurer  
Harbor Superintendent