

**Five Mile River Commission  
Minutes  
November 24, 2010**

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion, chairman  
Dirk Leasure  
Ray Meurer, harbor superintendent

Members of the public in attendance:

None

Matthew Marion took the chair at 8:04 p.m. and provided a recap of the commission's 2010 accomplishments. He noted the B&G litigation is expected to be resolved in early 2011.

Following a discussion about whether or not to require boat owners to carry insurance, it was agreed to ask owners to note on their 2011 application the name of their boat insurer and their policy number.

Regarding 2011 meeting dates, it was agreed to meet January, February, March, May, September and November 2011. Chairman Marion will ask each commissioner to submit online the preferred day to meet each month. The meeting dates for the year are due by the end of January 2011 in the offices of the Connecticut Secretary of State, the City of Norwalk and the Town of Darien.

It was agreed to invite representatives from the boatyards and marinas to the first meeting of the commission in 2011 to discuss our mutual concerns and interests regarding Five Mile River.

Establishment of a transient mooring close to the Rowayton Yacht Club on Five Mile River will be voted on at the next meeting.

There was no change in the income and expense report that was provided by Tammy Papp, administrative assistant, at the September 14, 2010 meeting, which showed income of \$40,500 YTD 2010 and expenses of \$8,861. In 2009 income for the same period was \$41,700 and expenses were \$17,541. Of the \$17,541 in expenses, \$10,000 was due to back pay for Ray and Tammy that was delayed by an agreement between the City of Norwalk and the Internal Revenue Service. It was noted that interest on the money being accumulated for future maintenance dredging comes close to covering the commission's annual expenses.

A planned discussion of dock applications at 135 Five Mile River Road, Darien, CT, and 65 Rowayton Ave, Rowayton, CT 06853, was put off until the next meeting.

The harbor superintendent reported that 44 out of 256 dock customers had not paid the harbor use fee so far this year. All non-paying boat owners are being contacted to pay the fee.

Approval of the meeting minutes for January 15, 2009; October 1, 2009; and September 14, 2010 is to be done online. Chairman Marion directed the harbor superintendent to circulate the minutes via email to the commissioners for their approvals.

Matthew Marion declared an executive session at 8:23 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Meurer  
Harbor Superintendent