

**Five Mile River Commission Minutes
January 17, 2013**

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion, Chairman
Dirk Leasure, Commissioner
William Jessup, Commissioner
John deRegt, Commissioner (via Skype)
Ray Meurer, Harbor Superintendent
David Snyder, Assistant Harbor Superintendent

Chairman Marion took the chair at 7:43 p.m.

The minutes of the November 15, 2012, meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The City of Norwalk Controller's Office year end 2012 income and expense report for the Five Mile River Commission showed income from harbor use fees \$44,600, interest income \$4,844, refunds \$200 and total income \$49,244. The balance in the account as of December 31, 2012 was \$517,871.

A public hearing on proposed increases to the harbor use was set for February 28, 2013, 7:30 p.m., in the Board Room of the Rowayton Community Center. Notices of the public hearing will be published in the Darien and Norwalk local newspapers. The notice also appeared in the latest issue of *Five Mile River Currents*, published by the Five Mile River Commission and emailed to mooring permit holders, marinas and boatyards. The proposed fee increases are to increase the \$50 fee to \$100 and the \$100 fee to \$150. The \$200 fee remains the same.

Funding of future dredging was discussed that included the suggestion by Commissioner Leasure of a separate privately run 501c3 program to raise money for the dredging.

Proposed sea wall repairs and shared a dock at 21 and 25 Rowayton Ave. was discussed and a site visit to the location was planned.

The annual meeting with boatyards and marina operators to share joint interests and concerns was discussed and planned for the April 11 meeting.

The remaining meeting dates for 2013 are February 28, April 11, June 6, August 1, October 3 and November 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Meurer
Harbor Superintendent