

**Five Mile River Commission
Minutes
May 6, 2010**

Commission members in attendance:

Matthew Marion, chairman
John deRegt
Dirk Leasure
Ray Meurer, harbor superintendent

Members of the public in attendance:

Robert Griffith, commercial fisherman, Rowayton, CT
Ridge Barker, 55 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton, CT
John Casey, legal council to Ridge Barker

Matthew Marion took the chair at 7:42 p.m. and began a discussion about asking boat owners to provide evidence of liability insurance. Mr. Marion noted that Norwalk Yacht Club now requires its members to provide such evidence. He suggested that marinas and boatyards be called on for their perspective on the subject and pointed out that there is precedence to provide proof of liability insurance.

The commissioners reviewed three dock applications:

- Ridge Barker's application for a dock at 55 Rowayton Ave. was approved.
- It was agreed to ask for additional drawings for the proposed dock at 3 Cudlipp Street, Rowayton.
- It was agreed to apply to Darien P&Z for drawings related to the dock application at 70 Five Mile River Road and to reiterate the Commissions original objections to the proposed dock.
- A proposed reconfiguration of docks at 97 Rowayton Ave. (The Bait Shop) and 101 Rowayton (Harold Dean) was reviewed.

Financial reports submitted by Tammy Papp, administrative assistant, showed 2010 YTD income of \$32,850 and YTD expenses of \$2,863.79. Mr. deRegt requested that in the future previous YTD figures for the same period be provided.

The Harbor Superintendent reported on the following:

“Slow No Wake” signs were provided to The Bait Shop, All Seasons Marine Works, Bruggemann’s Marina and Harold Dean’s Marina for installation on their pilings.

Metal tags and mylar letters/numbers for identifying individual mooring locations have been ordered.

One resident on the Darien side of the river and one resident on the Rowayton side called to complain about the noise in the morning when the “Kittyhawk” and the “Susan G” clam boats start their engines. Robert Griffith, owner of the two boats, said the engines are started between 7:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and that is necessary to idle the engines for five to ten minutes to allow them to warm up.

Three new mooring locations were considered. One for a 15 foot center console powerboat close to the Rowayton Beach Association boathouse was approved; another for a 25 foot powerboat close to the boathouse house was not approved because the depth at mean low water was five feet; another for a 13 foot powerboat off the Community Dock was not approved because there are open moorings that can accommodate the boat.

At 8:42 p.m. Chairman Marion declared that the meeting would go into executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The remaining meeting dates for 2010 are 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