

Five Mile River Commission
January 19, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)
Craig Jung (Commissioner)
John deRegt (Commissioner)
and
James Bajek (Consultant)
Roger Klein (Public)

Absent: Wim Jessup (Commissioner)
Steve Bartush (Harbor Superintendent)

The Five Mile River Commission commenced its Special Meeting via Zoom at 6:03 p.m.

Chairman Marion confirmed that Harbor Superintendent Bartush was unable to attend the meeting but had provided his written report, which had already been circulated electronically.

Next, the Commission discussed the revised dock application recently submitted for 27 Rowayton Avenue. The applicant's consultant, Mr. Bajek, stated he believed the amended application, which proposes a 32' ramp extension in lieu of the previously proposed 52' extension, would increase the applicant's safety margin when docking due to slightly deeper water and the increased distance from an adjacent rock, while leaving a reasonable buffer zone between the waterward side of the float and the federal channel. The Commission noted it had already agreed to the applicant's proposal to reorient the float toward the river mouth and add float stops, and that the Harbor Superintendent had already installed a warning buoy adjacent to the rock in question and was monitoring its effectiveness. Additionally, referencing its November 30th decision, the Commission reminded the applicant that it had stated it would not support a proposed dock longer than the current one at 27 Rowayton Avenue. The Commission agreed to discuss the applicant's revised proposal and revert.

The Commission then noted/discussed the following items in Harbor Superintendent Bartush's written report: (i) the installation of a 'No Discharge' buoy at the river mouth; (ii) the addition of a second 'No Wake' buoy in the Five Mile River in 2023; (iii) the need for a complete list of state registration numbers for all moored boats; and (iv) a list of the names of all boats docked in the river in 2023.

Last, Mr. Marion reported that the City of Norwalk had contacted him on January 19th regarding an interest recalculation totaling -\$27,264.78 applicable to the Commission's dredging fund account. The recalculation, according to the City, was based on an accounting error in which the City had misapplied interest income to the Commission's fund that should have been applied to unrelated City tax revenues. The Commission agreed to investigate the matter further.

After discussion regarding these items and with no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:47 pm. The Commission's next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. To join the meeting, please contact Matt Marion in advance of the meeting via email at mmarion@marionlawllc.com to obtain the relevant meeting entry code.

Respectively submitted,

Five Mile River Commission
and Harbor Superintendent