

Five Mile River Commission
May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Matt Marion (Chairman)

Wim Jessup (Commissioner)

Craig Jung (Commissioner)

and

Steve Bartush (Harbor Superintendent)

Absent: John deRegt (Commissioner)

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

Chairman Marion requested a motion ratifying the Commission's prior online approvals of its January 2023, February 2023, and March 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jessup so moved, Commissioner Jung seconded, and the Commissioners in attendance unanimously approved these minutes.

Chairman Marion welcomed Sergeant Justin Bisceglie, Unit Commander of the Norwalk Marine Police, to discuss various maritime matters, including various ways to curtail speeding boaters who disregard the 'No Wake' Zone, the enforcement of lifejacket requirements for kayakers and SUP users, and general marine safety issues. Sgt. Bisceglie confirmed that Norwalk's marine patrol boat would make regular patrols in the river this summer to emphasize the presence and availability of the local marine police to boaters.

Next, the Commission discussed its current communications with the City of Norwalk regarding the Commission's dredging funds, including the steps required to approve a segregated subaccount covering these funds. Chairman Marion indicated he would provide a followup report at the Commission's next meeting.

The Commission then noted/discussed the following items in Harbor Superintendent Bartush's May report: (1) the allocation of Commission-controlled mooring buoys near Butlers Creek; (2) the resetting of the 'D' mooring string to adequately accommodate larger boats within the mooring string; (3) the installation of the secondary 'No Wake Zone' buoy;

(4) the installation of the ‘No Discharge Zone’ buoy near the harbor mouth; (5) the movement of boats off the mooring wait list; and (6) the current status of Dockwa bookings.

With no further business, the meeting concluded at 6:55 pm. The Commission’s next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday, July 13, 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