

**RIVERS AND COASTAL WATERS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2014**

**Members Present:** Chairman Mark Worthing, Vice Chair Sue Stableford, Bill Good, Helene Harrower, Fred Wigand, Douglas Niven, Mark Holbrook and Steve Walker

**Members Absent:** Tammy Dostie-Gray, Reginald Elwell, Suzan Wilson

**Staff Present:** MRO, Dan Devereaux

A meeting of the Rivers and Coastal Waters Commission was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Town Hall, 85 Union Street, Conference Room 206. Chair Mark Worthing called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

Chair Mark Worthing reviewed the charge of the RCWC, member make-up and voting order.

**Member Correspondence:**

Mark Holbrook reviewed the member correspondence. Dan replied that the Commission will review the Zoning Maps for Commission recommendations to the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite Commission. Discussion on the overlaps in the Harbor Management Plan and the Mooring Ordinance and the opportunity to add to and update the Zoning Ordinance.

**May Minutes:**

**MOTION BY FRED WIGAND TO APPROVE THE MAY 28, 2014 MINUTES.  
SECONDED BY DOUGLAS NIVEN, APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY AMONG  
THOSE PRESENT.**

**Establishing Priorities:**

- Simpson's Point Issue:
  - Discussion among members on the issue to have an off-season opening boat launch. Dan stated that this is an issue that could go before the Council in August or September. Suggestion to hold an open comment period to obtain information from summer residents; Dan suggested holding a preliminary public forum at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and to heavily advertise the meeting. Dan briefly reviewed the Eel Grass Mitigation report and noted that the report states that they could not identify one root cause.
  - Sue Stableford stated that other issues that they may want to address before August are loose dogs, sanitary issues and parking.
- Zoning Ordinance
- Mooring Ordinance and Harbor Management Plan: Dan asked members to review the correspondence dated July 9, 2008 from the Army Corps of Engineers in preparation to review the Harbor Management Plan.

Dan provided a brief history and overview of the ordinance changes and stated that over the years, they have realized that Brunswick may be behind other municipalities in harbor management. Dan noted areas of controversy may be fees and inspections and the date in which moorings are renewed. Dan reviewed how moorings are renewed and the attorney's comments. Steve Walker described how they came up with the registration permit for moorings; discussion among members on the need, legitimacy of, State rules and procedure for renewal.

Discussion on a Special Activity Permit, the question of issuing the permit seasonally or yearly and enforcement of; Dan suggested the fee be annually.

Dan to ask the Town Attorney to provide better language in fees and liabilities. Mark Holbrook asked if funds were collected for moorings, would the funds go into the general fund or could they be designated funds. Dan replied that according to the Town Clerk, they could be designated funds per Town Council approval.

**Agenda for June 25<sup>th</sup>:**

- Simpson's Point – Dogs and Sanitary
  - Invite Tom Farrell, Director of Parks and Recreation for his perspective and input from staff and the Harbor Ordinance.
  - Invite Animal Control Officer to discuss the leash law (Dan to send out leash law in advance)
- Draft Ordinance rewrite document for review
- Dan to research availability for a special meeting prior to August 15th

**Adjourn**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Attest



Tonya Jenusaitis  
Recording Secretary

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