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HMC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 3, 2021 7:00 P.M. SECOND-FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN HALL - TELECONFERENCE

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1. Call to Order

Chair Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

<u>Present:</u> Robert Murphy, Chair; Paul Connolly, Secretary; David Cole; Robert Soden; Lou Vinciguerra; and Jennifer Donahue, Clerk. Keith Neilson of Docko attended as a guest.

3. Discussion and Potential Action on COP to Add Floating Docks to Ferry Road

Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Neilson had submitted the request for the *di minimus* change on the existing DEEP Ferry Road Dock permit on behalf of the commission and that it was denied. As a result, the only viable remaining option is to apply for a Certificate of Permission for a new permit. Mr. Nielson has agreed to prepare the COP based on time and materials for a fee not to exceed \$5,000.

Timing of the project, the size of the docks and ramps needed to accommodate additional slips and the wave action of the area as well as piling needs were discussed. The Army Corps permit for the project will expire in August of 2021 but can be renewed for another year if there is a contract for continued work on the project. The current DEEP permit expires in April of 2022. The new permit would be good for five years. Mr. Neilson recommended preserving the commission's ability to continue work on the project by completing the COP. This would also give time to spread the project out in pieces for maximum financial flexibility. After discussion commissioners agreed that the project should move forward as need had been demonstrated at the dock.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to authorize Docko to submit a COP for the floating docks at Ferry Road for a fee not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and it was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. which was seconded by Mr. Vinciguerra and was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donahue Clerk, OSHMC