

## Massachusetts Harbormaster Training Council

February 23, 2023  
Zoom Virtual Platform

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Call to Order – Meeting Chairman @ 1302

Roll Call of members : Jason Holm @; Charlie Blair; Chad Hunter; Bob Gillan; Rob Akin; Bill McHugh; Robert Ferullo; John Melander; Sean Barry.

#### Approval of Minutes

October 2022: M- Ferullo / S- Akin / C - Unanimous by attendees (Hunter, McHugh, Ferullo, Holm)  
November 2022: M-McHugh / S- Akin / C- Unanimous by attendees (Hunter, McHugh, Akin, Gillan, Holm)  
December 2022: M- McHugh /S -Akin / C - Unanimous by attendees (Hunter, McHugh, Akin, Gillan, Holm)  
January 2023: M- Ferullo / S – Akin / C - Unanimous by attendees (McHugh, Gillan, Ferullo, Akin, Blair, Holm)

#### Waiver/Exemption Applications

Gregory Normandy, (Orleans) - Permanent Exemption pursuant to date of appointment  
M- Hunter / S - McHugh / C – unanimous by roll call (quorum)  
Garner Jameson, (Orleans) - Permanent Exemption pursuant to date of appointment  
M- McHugh / S- Hunter / C – unanimous by roll call (quorum)

#### Old Business

- 1 501 CMR 16.00: Working Group Update: Unforeseen conflict interfered with scheduled meeting. Chair advised that a meeting would be convened with EOPSS soonest.
- 2 L/E Academy update: Stuart Smith (Chatham) provided update on subject matter completed by the current Harbormaster LE class, which is expected to graduate on or about the first week of April of 2023.
- 3 3<sup>rd</sup> Element training update: Stuart Smith (Chatham) advised on status of maritime specific curriculum that was developed by Urban Harbors and not yet in a format this is ready for delivery. Smith advised he has had some success “unlocking” some of the curriculum. Also, possible class offerings this spring for courses that are deliverable.

#### New Business

- 1 2023 In-Service Requirements: Chair suggests traditional 20 hours to include CPR/First Aid as well as a menu of other options. Lt. Akin suggests considering a similar approach as other LE programs, ex. de-escalation and/or mental crisis training. Chief Ferullo will research on availability of those course to export electronically outside ACADIS. McHugh suggests keeping the criteria for considered training more general in nature, ex. NASBLA, MHTC approved or MPTC courses. Hunter shared his support for training that is accessible and readily available. Chair requests that persons with specific ideas, share same for adoption at the March MHTC meeting.
- 2 Chair makes inquiry with MEP regarding BUI training to deliver to Cape and Islands region. Akin advised he is ready to schedule/deliver. Hunter states he plans to host Vessel

Documents-Marine theft. He also advised he is attempting to offer Marine Medical Emergencies in Plymouth.

McHugh asked Chief Ferullo about a recognized void in some ACADIS Dashboards for TY 2023 MPTC in service. Ferullo advises he will research the issue. McHugh stated he intends to host a BUI and BUI refresher class on the North Shore. He will contact Akin off-line to schedule/ coordinate.

#### Public Comment

Kurt Bourhiem ( Hull) makes inquiry on Requests for information. A discussion ensued regarding records requests and where records are held. Chair advises that the state website has a mechanism for records requests.

Bob Gillan speaks to the ongoing issue of vessel excise for “Ghost Boat” Specifically, vessels that are sold or destroyed and remain on the list as active for taxation.

Todd Bailey (Bourne) inquires about previously approved exemptions/waivers for his department. Chair advises he will ensure documentation is drafted and tendered.

Lt Barry (MSP) announces increased staffing levels for his agency and his intention to maintain a strong presence and promote joint ops underway to enhance public safety on the water.

#### Next Meeting

March 30, 2023

#### Adjournment

M- McHugh / S – Akin / C – unanimous @ 1354