

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm

October 13, 2022

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members present: Chad Hunter-Chair, Rosemary Lesch-Vice-Chair, Jason Holm, Bill McHugh, John Melander, Sean Barry Marine Unit MSP, Chief Ferullo

Guests: Dawson Farber-Dennis, Collen Wilson, Stuart Smith, Bourne DNR Chris Southwood, Emily DE Bettencourt, Ryan Rossi

Call to order 1308

Minutes-September 27, 2022 meeting minutes reviewed.

Roll call vote-all in favor, Chief Ferullo abstained

Waiver/Exemptions Applications-

Prior to discussing permanent exemptions, Jason Holm requested we discuss 501CMR.

Chris Anglin and Collin Buckner:

Motion by Jason Holm to approve both for a "temporary Waiver" 2nd Bill McHugh

Discussion: Bill- Is there a requirement for resumes to be attached? HMTC feels as though a resume will help outline the applicants experience and background for consideration.

Motion to approve Jason Holm , Second Bill McHugh - Roll call vote all in favor-none opposed.

Town of Bourne: John B. Thompson, P. Sharon Hamilton, Richard F. Libin

A letter from the Town of Bourne Harbormaster Chris Southwood, Director, stating the 3 named harbormasters were appointed prior to March 23, 2009 and have served in that capacity to this date; they are exempt from the HMTC training requirements.

Jason Holm looking for original appointment letter for the candidates; no documentation was submitted for any of these applicant.

Hunter – They are exempt from the training requirement, if they want a letter from HMTC they should submit official documents for original appointment dates. Todd Baily will provide.

Town of Bourne: Michael Corson requesting a temporary exemption (270 days).

Jason Holm motion a temporary exemption for Michael Corson 2nd Bill McHugh

Roll call vote all in favor

Collen Wilson-Temporary Waiver: Jason Holm has discussed and reviewed Colleen's packet and is comfortable moving forward with the request. Hunter was able to share the screen with Colleen's resume for review. Colleen is present on the call if there are any questions.

Jason Holm motion to approve, Second Bill McHugh – Roll call vote all in favor

501CMR discussion:

Jason Holm presenting review of the CMR and made the following points as part of his review. Jason provided a draft of his review and covered some of the following topics:

- Exemptions of training in limited circumstances
- Appointing Authority Notification within 30 days
- Review of Harbormaster Training Components

Hunter- Having pulled out the key points and training components it would be helpful for the HMTC and people applying to be able to look at the requirements and see if they have equivalent training.

Holm – this will be helpful as reference and for all to be on the same page when looking at requests; making it fair and equitable.

McHugh- No equivalency for licenses, but for NASBLA training there could be equivalencies. We do need to be ready to deliver courses that are needed...Marine Medical, Laws pertaining etc.

Hunter- Potentially use as a cover sheet for those applicants to walk them through the requirements.

Holm – Other things that should be happening in the CMR's; Appointment Authority should be notifying the Council which should have further review at a later date.

Colleen – Asked a question about what is needed for permanent exemption? Holm or Hunter can assist with the question offline.

Hunter – Full review of CMR's will be needed. Some items such as appointment notification does not usually happen. Possibility to get out ahead of this by mailing a packet to communities to make them aware. Also, possible CMR updates with Police Reform updates? We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Continue with Exemption Requests:

Ryan M. Maltais- Permanent Exception: Is he an appointed harbormaster? Nothing in application indicates he has any sort of marine license. Several items are missing from his packet.

Motion by Bill McHugh to reject this request as is, until all the items all the required items are submitted to committee. 2nd Jason Holm

Roll call vote-all in favor, Sean Berry abstained until he is brought up to speed with MHTC.

Hunter will send a letter with the HMTC decision.

Bourne Todd Bailey- Permanent Exemption: Request for exemption based on 22 years sea going service and 23 years LE experience with Duxbury and Kingston PD.

McHugh- Familiar with Mr. Baileys background, feel comfortable with his credential and equivalency's.

Bailey / Hunter – One attachment is missing: Hunter checking for the email and attachment. Hunter was able to find partial attachments, but not the full submission. Bailey will drop off the attachments with Hunter for the next meeting.

Old Business

1. Post Commission-Harbormaster, John Melander stated no movement at this time.
2. Harbormaster LE training update-Stuart Smith had a follow up to previous conversations with MHTC. Phase 1 send out and discuss the need for instructors before the next meeting. Bill McHugh and Jason Holm confirmed that the council has already approved who was qualified to teach the training back in 2019; also approved a 248-hour course. Instructors can be council members or approved by council members.

Kondratowicz from Chatham and Robert Bitinas of Barnstable have extensive experience and years of training ranging from criminal justice, emergency management just to name a few topics. Both are willing and able to help with instructing for the MHTC.

Sean Barry the newest member of the MHTC has an extensive background in marine law enforcement and is an important asset to this training council.

Stuart's goal is to build a list of solid instructors and bring this list back to the council.

The council has already approved John Degutis private training; his instructors could be the lead instructors.

Motion by Bill McHugh to accept the motion to bring to the table a list of qualified instructors to the next meeting. 2nd by Jason Holm

Discussion on the process for instructors from the MHTC.

Chief Ferullo stated he would help in any way possible and offered his instructor training classes. He will do whatever he can do to support the MHTC.

Bourne DNR had sent a long list of qualifications to Chad, that file was apparently too large, will send again.

Roll call vote-all in favor none opposed abstained Sean Berry

Chad Hunter expressed his thank you for all the efforts to get the councils training going. Thank you Stuart and Jason.

New Business

1. New Business-HMTC waiver/completion forms: This form approved at a prior meeting; Chad will review again and send out a revised form. Apparently, the latest form may have been confused with the older form; Chad will straighten out and send to all.

Jason will send along the list of Harbormaster Training Components to complete the packet for interested applicants.

2. 501 CMR 16.00: Harbormaster training council review-Jason provided suggestions for council to review for next meeting.
3. Training opportunities-Jason stated the MEPs would be hosting an OUI class in the spring along with an OUI refresher class (4hrs). After deer season. Will keep is posted.

Public Comments:

John Melander MPTC stated they would be holding their next regulatory meeting on November 18-it will be a virtual meeting,

Next MHTC meeting: November 18th Thursday

Motion by Bill McHugh to adjourn 2nd Jason Holm
Roll call vote-all in favor

Meeting adjourned 2:10om