

Massachusetts Harbormaster Training Council
January 30, 2025
Zoom Virtual Platform
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – Meeting Chairman @ 1303

Roll Call of members : Jason Holm ©; Bill McHugh; MSPT Mike Petersen; Rosemary Lesch; Chad Hunter; Lt. Robert Gillan .

Approval of Minutes

December 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Approval: M – Hunter / S – Lesch / Infavor- Holm, McHugh, Lesch, Gillan, Hunter; Abstain-Petersen

Waiver/Exemption Applications:

Rick Bowen – City of Gloucester; 270 day waiver request. M - McHugh / S – Lesch / C- Unanimous.

Nick Giordino – Town of Sandwich; 270 day waiver request. M – McHugh / S – Lesch / C – Unanimous

Instructor Applications

None received

Old Business

- 1 **3rd Element Training update** - Chair advises on several methods to deliver Paton Course including obtaining the USCG power point deck that presents the curriculum. Motion for chair to inquire with the USCG to obtain and use the Power Point:
M- McHugh / S – Hunter / C – Unanimous
Chair advises on redundant content within Marine Theft, Vessel Documentation & Laws Pertaining to Harbormasters curriculum. Chair inquired with council about streamlining the training by removing the Vessel Documentation course requirement which is incomplete. This action would make training deliverable. Hunter asserts the usefulness of familiarization with vessel documents. Chair reiterates that vessel documentation training content is already in the Marine theft & Laws Pertaining to Harbormasters curriculum. Motion to drop the Vessel Documentation Course as a requirement for certification:
M-McHugh / S-Lesch / C- Unanimous
- 2 **Training Council Appointments** – Chair is working with Mr. Melander regarding expired and new appointments.

New Business

- 1 **Training opportunities** –Marine Medical Emergencies Course is planned for March . This will likely be delivered on a hybrid basis consisting of online instruction and an in-person practical component. The in-person portion will possibly be delivered in two locations to make it convenient for as many participants as possible.
- 2 Chair proposed an initiative to publish a training calendar so persons seeking certification could align their schedules to coincide with necessary training offerings.

Public Comment

Essex Harbormaster Fialho inquires about Paton Training. Chair advises on earlier motion.

Next Meeting

February 20, 2025 @ 1300

Adjournment

M- McHugh/ S – Hunter/ C – Holm; McHugh; Hunter; Gillan; Pedersen @ 1332