

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm – 3pm

February 18, 2021

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members Present: Chad Hunter- Chair, Rosemary Lesch – Vice Chair, Michael Coyne BPD, Lt. David Twomey MSP, Bill McHugh Salem, Jason Holm Chatham, MPTC Director Ferullo

Guest: Mick Dunning – Sandwich, Paul Hogg- Newburyport

Called to order: 1300hrs

Minutes – January

Members provided some time to review the minutes from January.

Motion to approve- Bill McHugh / Second Rosemary

Role call vote – unanimous in favor with one abstention (MSP David Twomey)

Hunter- Introduced MSP Lt. David Twomey and provided some time for him to introduce himself to the Council. Lt. Twomey will be the HMTTC representative and MSP Marine Unit

Waiver Exemption Applications

Hunter introduced Mick Dunning from Sandwich to discuss his background and training status. Mick introduced himself and explained his background. Mick did provide some information that was sent out to the Council prior to the meeting.

Discussion on Mick's training background. Chair went through the list of required initial training requirements and compared Mick's training. BUI Course most likely needed for completion of all requirements.

Bill – Feels comfortable approving Mick for exemption if he completed BUI

Jason – Agrees with Bill, BUI course if offered on a regular basis and should be completed.

Hunter- Do you need the 270 waiver to be processed?

Dunning – No, he will try and get the course completed asap and come back to HMTTC

Training Survey Results

HMTTC reviewed the results from the recent training survey. 76 responses from Cape and Islands, South Shore and North Shore. Some may have been reluctant to respond to the survey if they did not have all training completed; tracking was not the intent of the survey.

Bill – Can you see which Departments responded and have needs for training? Would be helpful to reach out to them and see if they are interested specific training to narrow down the demand.

Jason- will check with the Cape Academy, will need some head count to develop costs per student.

MPTC Director Ferullo- Can assist with supporting training; how many do you think and what are the costs?

Hunter – Thank you for support! Many courses we approved used MPTC curriculum and instructors.

Bill – We will have to look for instructors for the Maritime classes listed in the LE portion. We may be able to get this going in short time. Let us review the approved the LE course list.

MPTC Acadis

MPTC Ferullo – update on MPTC Acadis. It is possible to record Harbormaster classes like RIS online Inservice classes. MPTC could assist with recording. Director Ferullo also provided an update on the “bridge academy” for Reserves to upgrade to FT certified status. Director Ferullo explained the possibilities utilizing testing, online classes etc. and will include Harbormasters.

Bill – Timeline for the bridge academy?

MPTC Ferullo – Possibly September/ October. Will need approval from the Civilian Board and will be phased in over a few years depending on the Officers last name.

Hunter – Thank you for the update and support!

MPTC Ferullo – offered the group support for special classes of guest speakers. Anyone have any problems or issues to work on? None noted.

2021 In-service training requirements

Bill – Continue to keep what we have done in the past.

Hunter – 20 hours continuing education including first aid and CPR?

Bill – First aid or first responder?

Bill Motion, Rose Second – 20 Hours Continuing Education for 2021

Discussion – Bill - When you include examples draw people to the ACADIS website

Role Call vote – Unanimous

Hunter – should we put together a training bulletin to provide updates. Bulletin to be developed...

New Business/ Member Comments

Bill – Are we sending documentation to individuals that have been approved?

Hunter- we do send a letter and certificate when they are approved. In the process of an office move. Bill offered his help with getting these out.

Public Comments

No Comment

Next Meeting

March – possible March 11th

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Bill McHugh, Second

Role Call vote – unanimous – 1400hrs

Approved at the March 11, 2021 meeting