

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm – 2:30pm

March 11, 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, Lt. Bob Gillan, EOPPS John Melander

**Guest:** Gary Champion

**Called to order: 1303hrs**

**Minutes** – February 18, 2021

Members provided some time to review the minutes from February.

Motion to approve minutes as written- Jason Holm / Second Bob Gillan

Role call vote – unanimous in favor with one abstention (John Melander)

**Waiver Exemption Applications**

No requests at this time. Chair provided an update on the outstanding letters/ certificates to be mailed out. We are caught up at this time.

**Harbormaster LE Review**

Chair sent out Harbormaster LE courses approved by the HMTTC. Discussion on the list of courses and some review completed. Most seem to be MPTC classes pulled from the reserve program.

Bill- Send the list of courses to MPTC Director Chief Ferullo to have him review and see if MPTC could run a course.

Some discussion on the timeline of possible delivery; sooner the better! John Melander provided and update on the new training facilities (Randolph) available.

Jason Holm – Try and schedule the courses and fill the seats to get something going. Let's get this to MPTC and see if we can get the courses scheduled to take advantage of the opportunity.

Bill McHugh – Need to look at possible formats including night and weekends vs Monday – Friday. We are at MPTC Director Ferullo's discretion on the timeline for delivery.

Chair – possible to reach out to Departments that responded to the training waiver to see if they will commit to a delivery date. Chair to forward along the communities responded to Jason (Cape and Islands) and Bill (North Shore)

### **MPTC Training Update**

EOPPS John Melander provided an update on police reform and the reserve program compliance. There is a bunch of information out, some accurate and some not accurate. In the next couple of weeks, a Memo with guidance will be released to update all LE departments with guidance on Use of Force, information on certification timeline, bridge academies etc. Looking to get information out. All new policy's/guidelines will have to be approved by the POST commission which is not currently in place. Memo will be helpful to answer the number of questions. We will make sure you are in the loop. Harbormaster's have LE enforcement authority and most likely will be required to take some courses to re-certify.

### **New Business/ Member Comments**

None

### **Public Comments**

Gary Champion – Introduced himself and had a couple of questions for the HMTTC (questions forwarded to the HMTTC prior to the meeting). Chapter 422 – Harbormasters are required to complete courses put out by the HMTTC. I would guess that would include Chapter 90B like the course developed by Urban Harbors Institute – Umass Boston

Are there alternatives for training offered by other entities that would satisfy the HMTTC requirements? Could we share who they are?

Witnessed some confusion of Chapter 90B and taking 90b content and putting it into bylaw. Does this change where fines are paid, clerk magistrate requirements,

Chair- Gary and I have had a number of emails shared to try and answer his questions.

BPD Michael Coyne – provided an example of chapter 90 being adopted by the City of Boston.

### **Next Meeting**

April 8, 2021

### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn Bill McHugh, Second Jason Holm

Roll Call vote – unanimous – 1332hrs

\*\*\*Minutes approved April 8, 2021\*\*\*