

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm – 2:30pm

April 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members Present: Chad Hunter- Chair, Michael Coyne BPD, Lt. David Twomey MSP, Jason Holm Chatham, Lt. Bob Gillan, EOPPS John Melander

Guest: None

Called to order: 1305hrs

Minutes – March 11, 2021

Members provided some time to review the minutes from March.

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

Roll call vote – unanimous in favor

Waiver Exemption Applications

Cameron Wentworth - Plymouth – 270-day waiver

Hunter provided some recent training completed including the Captains License, NASBLA Boat Crewman, NASBLA BOSAR, Reserve Academy, MMA Academy

Motion to approve Jason Holm/ Second Mike Coyne / No Discussion

Roll Call Vote – unanimous with one abstention Chad Hunter

Reminder to encourage those that need a waiver/exemption before the upcoming summer months

MPTC Training Update

EOPPS John Melander provided an update. There is a 4-page memo recently released from EOPPS to provide the “next steps” for police reform. Some of the topics covered are data collection, timeline, and general overview. John to send the document along for wide broadcast. Acadis is the vehicle for records and there will be liaisons assigned to the individual agency to assist with records.

Still some “unknowns” that have been suggested in the memo, that still need approval. There will be a way for those with the Reserve Intermittent Academy to complete additional training and brought to the same level as a full-time police officer.

Hunter- Memo will hopefully answer some of the commonly asked questions. If additional questions come in, we can forward them along to John or ask at the next HMTC meeting. What needs to be approved by the POST Commission?

Melander -Much of the training will stay with MPTC with policies and procedures, certification/de-certification will be handled by the POST commission.

Hunter- We will send the memo out, thanked John for the update.

Harbormaster Training Update

Hunter- Would like to get the online training up and running. Maybe the possibility to record the presentation similar to the RIS in-service training on ACADIS. Online training is beneficial to provide flexibility to those that need to take the training.

Continued discussion on the Harbormaster LE course utilizing MPTC instructors. Not sure if this is a reality before the busy season and how this might mesh with the new standard? Chief Ferullo is extremely busy with the Police Reform roll-out. Possibly roll-out in the fall when things have been settled.

John Melander – MPTC will be working to deliver training to different regions in the State. If you are exercising police duties and functions and have the powers of arrest you must have the training; Harbormasters have this authority. There are many different groups with different levels of training out there. Harbormasters have the advantage of having a Harbormaster Training Council that has brought the group to a state standard for training.

Hunter- HMTTC has done a lot of work developing training standards, but there has always been a wonder about the Harbormasters that have been appointed that we may not know about. Most coastal communities that have a Harbormaster are well know to us. Efforts to reach out in the past through the Town Clerk's to make Harbormaster's aware of training requirements.

Any idea how long the POST Academy (New Officer) would take to complete?

Melander – MPTC just re-vamped the curriculum, and it is roughly about 790hrs. MPTC is working on bridge academy at this point, but in the future a new Harbormaster may need to attend a certain portion and then move on the Harbormaster specific training.

Discussion continued on how the Harbormaster may be affected by the new training standard and how this may work in the future.

Holm – Can you provide a list of the courses that we may be able to record and get up online for the future? Jason has volunteered to help. Is PATON available, this is one of the courses that is not readily available?

Hunter – The Paton course was developed in Captivate specifically for the LMS system; not sure if we can get it up and running for ACADIS.

Holm- Can we add this to next month's agenda for discussion.

New Business/ Member Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

May 2021

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Bob Gillan, Second Jason Holm

Role Call vote – unanimous – 1338hrs

Approved at the June 10, 2021 meeting