Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm – 2:30pm June 10, 2021

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members Present: Chad Hunter- Chair, Rosemary Lesch – Vice Chair, Lt. David Twomey MSP, Jason Holm Chatham, Lt. Bob Gillan QPD, EOPPS John Melander

Guest: Jeff Smith, David Rizzoto, David Condon, Chris Sanborn, Isaac Perry, Souzaam

Called to order: 1303hrs

<u>Minutes</u> – April 8, 2021

Members provided some time to review the minutes from April – No minutes from May due to lack of Quorum/ meeting cancelled.

Motion to approve minutes as written- Jason Holm / Second Hunter

Role call vote - unanimous in favor

Waiver Exemption Applications

Ashley Fischer - Mashpee - 270-day waiver

Application was sent out to HMTC members prior to the meeting for review. Current CPR/First Responder included in the packet, Reserve Academy, Shellfish Officer, Oil Spill documentation. Jason Holm asked if the applicant has a current appointment? Hunter responded that during discussions a week or more ago, she was going to be appointed in the near future.

Motion to approve 270 waiver pending appointment as Harbormaster/ Assistant Harbormaster Motion Lt. Bob Gillan - Second Rosemary Lesch

Discussion – Hunter will check on the appointment status and report back to the HMTC. Rosemary added that she looks to be a good Harbormaster Candidate. Jason looking into the CMR's to see if there is requirement to have an appointment prior to requesting the 270-day waiver. Timing may be a concern due to no meeting in July / August.

Roll Call Vote - unanimous approval

MPTC Training Update

John Melander provided an update; not much has changed from the last meeting. Trying to gather all training records starting with municipal police and working their way down to some of the smaller groups. At about 95% for local police at this point; not complete. July 1 is the deadline to get records to the post commission. Post Commission has started to meet and have had a couple of meetings since. John is working with the Executive Office of Technology to try and pull in records.

Hunter- John and I have spoken over email to try and figure out the best way to reach out to Harbormasters that are not one of the larger coastal community Departments. Most likely, there are some inland Harbormasters the we are not aware of. In the past HMTC has tried to reach out through the Municipal Clerk's Association to make appointed Harbormasters aware of training requirements.

John – We will be working through the collection on the main groups on Harbormasters and Police Departments. John also made us aware of the requirement to go back to in-person meetings by our September meeting.

Hunter relayed that it is nice to get back to in person meetings! It has been nice for participation when conducting remote meetings; is there an option for hybrid.

John replied that there are ways to have remote participation as long as there is a quorum in person.

Hunter - If we are active in Acadis, are we (Harbormasters) being accounted for?

John – If you are in Acadis you are included.

Harbormaster Training Update

Hunter- we need to continue to push to get the required Harbormaster online training up and running. Even without meeting in July/August, please keep in mind that we should try and get this done for the fall.

Lt. Gillan – Champs training grant is still on-going, please reach out to Lt. Rob Akin with requests for TOC, TOC refresh, BCM etc. This is a great opportunity as seat costs close to \$2k per seat. If you do make the commitment, please do not back out. Feel free to reach out to Lt. Akin / Mark Brennan Scituate.

Harbormaster Outreach – Training Records

Already covered under MPTC Training Update

New Business/ Member Comments

None

Public Comments

Chris Sanborn - is there a list of all current certified Harbormasters?

Hunter- We do have records of all requests by the HMTC. Those that were appointed prior to 2009 would only have to keep current with in-service and in-service is tracked at the Department level. HMTC does not certify Harbormasters. HMTC prescribes the initial training and in-service requirements.

Next Meeting

September 2021 – unless an emergency meeting is needed.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Jason Holm, Second Hunter

Role Call vote – unanimous – 1334hrs

Approved at the September 16, 2021 meeting