

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Harbormaster Training Council
Meeting 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. September 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members Present: Chad Hunter-Chair, Rosemary Lesch-Vice Chair, Jason Holm-Chatham, Lt. Bob Gillan, QPD, Bill McHugh-Salem, **MSP Sgt. Jamie Cunningham, EPO LT. Akin, boston Mike Coyne**

Guest: Chris Sanborn, Stuart Smith, **Mike Pforr, Greg Fraiser, Jeff Smith, Scott Richards, Tim Cox, Jamie McIntosh, Joe Gibbs, Paul Fonseca**

Call to order: 1305hrs

Minutes-June 10, 2021

Members provided time to review the minutes from June.

Motion to approve minutes as written Jason Holms/2nd Rosemary Lesch

Roll call vote-unanimous in favor

Waiver/Exemption Applications: no waivers or exemptions.

Harbormaster-Police reform/Bridge Academy/Acadis

Discussion as to what each had to offer harbormasters: attending any classes that pertain to harbormasters will be recorded if you are on the list of Acadis. Jason Holmes has listened to the MPTC, Bridge Academy and Acadis meetings and thinks there is very little that includes harbormasters.

The question is, are harbormasters going to be included into any of there curriculums and do we belong in any of the three groups?

The Mass Harbormaster Training council was created to deal with harbormasters and we are a unique council and should remain ready to provide for harbormasters.

Chad Hunter remains hopeful harbormasters can get in to the Bridge Academy.

It is agreed that the MHTC needs to be proactive; we continue to be in a good position to move forward.

MOTION: Bill McHugh Inquire with EOPS legal counsel to see where harbormasters fit into their programs. 2nd Bob Gillan

Discussion

Roll call vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Chad Hunter will put this request in writing and send along to EOPS so we will have clarification on the status of harbormasters.

Harbormaster Course Development/Delivery

Chad is looking for ideas and discussion on the methods that we think will work to deliver the classes. What are the potential opportunities?

In person, zoom, hybrid the council is working on the best way to move forward with discussion on these methods. Anything we can put online continues to be a way to keep us moving forward. We do not know the status of in person training.

-testing is another concern: Acadis continues to test on line,

Bill McHugh-perhaps we could have subcommittees to investigate what each harbor department has to offer, we all have skilled people that are specialized instructors and willing to share their skills.

The request can be put out to the HM associations.

New business-Member Comments

Jason Holm brought up the issue of individuals who have a 270-day waiver but no class/instructions have been available to them. Do we want them to reapply and or wait to be able to get the necessary class? What is reasonable to ask of these people, how much time is too much?

It is the agreement of the MHTC to have them come back to the council and submit another application and request 270 more days.

Stuart Smith: Stuart thanked the council for the time to speak. It is his feeling that the same questions and comments are repeated at every meeting. Has the council set any goals for the training?

Do we have a goal?

-there is good talent in the chapters' membership that could help move forward.

-we all share these frustrations and the pandemic has not helped-teaching methods have changed etc.

-this should be a top priority for our next meeting

Rob Akins spoke up to say he would be willing to make January the MHTC training month. He will volunteer his time, he will let us know the classes, set the dates, location and times for his classes. Rob will come back to the October meeting with as much information as possible.

-Mass Maritime cadets are always looking for internships-keep in mind if you need some extra hands.

Next meeting: October 14, 2021

Roll Call vote-unanimous-1405

****Approved October 7, 2021****