

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Harbormaster Training Council

Meeting 1pm-2:30pm

October 7, 2021

Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Members Present: Chad Hunter-Chair, Rosemary Lesch-Vice Chair, Jason Holm-Chatham, Lt. Bob Gillan-QPD, Michael Coyne-Boston

Guests: John Melander, Joe Driscoll

Call to order: 13:01

Minutes: September 16, 2021

Members provided time to review the minutes from September.

MOTION: motion by Jason Holm to accept minutes as read second Bob Gillan

All in favor none opposed.

Mike Coyne abstained not in attendance.

HMTC request for legal review Harbormaster and Police Reform-John Melander-MPTC

Attorney John Melander explained the information that was discussed and approved by the MPTC

Approved: 1.use of force and 2.the Bridge academy (9/5/21)

Check the MPTC website for the exact actions and decisions of the commission.

Bridge Academy: 200 hours total: 80 live training and 120 online training.

Check the MPTC website for all the details on the open enrollment and email for the Bridge Academy.

There will be a second memo going out in a couple of weeks with the updates to all of this information.

Bob Gillan stated that this is all fine but there is no way harbormasters can participate with that time commitment.

Why were harbormasters taken out of legislation? MPTC needs to address this legislation.

Discussion on why were harbormasters taken out and other specific groups were covered-anyone with law enforcement powers.

Harbormasters-we have our own legislation and training council but should have opportunity to participate in the law enforcement portion of MPTC. Number of hours and time commitment prohibit harbormasters from attending.

Two aspects of the legislation:

1. MPTC responsible for law enforcement training
2. POST commission issues training to law enforcement: policies, duties and functions.

MHTC is in a unique position we have our own council. Should we approach the POST commission and explain this does not make sense and harbormasters should not be included along with the other types of law enforcement agencies.

Chad stated: we need to get some legal opinions for the municipal side.

Important note: Once you receive a certificate from POST, you can go into any aspect of law enforcement-a lot more opportunities.

MPTC seems to train people that work for them or planning to work for them. POST relying on MPTC to check off standard levels-a tough baseline.

Question: are the majority of harbormasters police officers-NO

Chad will pass on MHTC standards to the POST commission giving a breakdown of communities and their requirements. This will give them (again) the information concerning the Mass Harbormaster training.

The Bridge Academy and the reserve academy are confusing as to who has gone to what and where to go from there.

Chad will put something together as to where we fit into their program and explain we have questions and concerns; we do not fall under MPTC.

Waiver/Exemptions Applications-none

-Course Delivery-Chad will check with EOPPS Director Ferullo about having any of our training in Randolph. Jason Holm will see what he can arrange on the Cape.

Lt. Akins has designated January 10-14th location to be announced.

Appointment Terms-Same rotation, check the dates and let MHTC know if you are interested in remaining or not. Those on the council will remain until replaced.

New Business-no new business

Public Comments-o public comments

Next meeting-November 4, 2021 1st Thursday of the month.

MOTION to adjourn Jason Holm end Rosemary Lesch
All on favor none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosemary Lesch-

Approved at the December 2, 2021 meeting