

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Harbormaster Training Council
Meeting
October 18, 2018
11am
Weymouth Police Department

Members Present: Chairman Chad Hunter, Vice Chair/clerk Rosemary Lesch, James Concannon MSP, Bill McHugh-Salem, Charles Blair-Edgartown, Shannon Sullivan, EOPPS, Stephen Ryan Boston, Bob Gillan Quincy, Bob Akin MEP
Guest: Larry Bithell

Call to Order: 1106

Review & approve minutes of September 13, 2018: 1 amendment-correct the spelling of Charles Blair's name-no e on the end of Blaire
Approved with the one amendment-all in favor none opposed.

Waiver/Exemption Applications

Brain Taylor, Town of Barnstable, Brian's application was very impressive and covered all the necessary items the MHTC requires. The only missing item was the signature of his appointing authority.

MOTION: by Bob Gillan to accept Brian Taylor's application on the condition he gets his application signed by his appointing authority. 2nd Bill McHugh

Vote: all in favor none opposed

LMS follow up:

Chad Hunter explained that he had been working with Kristin Uiterwyk, UMass Boston the issue is that Kristin and her students have been working with the UMass system and it is not compatible to the MPTC system.

ATON-PATON-this program that Peter DeCola had created works very well and Chad Hunter will see if Peter can help Kristin with that program.

It was agreed by the MHTC that whatever way works best to get us online and up and running the fastest way possible is the way to go. We can rework things as necessary as the program progresses and the funding gets worked out.

Charles Blair and Bob Gillan recommended going for Seaport Council funding.

Training Forms:

Rob Akins and Bill McHugh will collaborate and come up with a form that may be similar to what other agencies use: EP's, & query check forms

Chad will send out the sample forms before the next meeting.

Amendment to 2018 in-service requirements:

MOTION by Chad Hunter to have the In Service requirement be 20 hours of harbormaster CUE's, CPR, 1st aid and remove the ATON PATON or any other online class (for the 2018 requirements)

2nd Charles Blair

Discussion by council all agreed for 2018 until the system is worked out

VOTE: all in favor none opposed

New Business:

MEP training-Rob Akins stated he will bring the EP training requirements to show the MHTC next meeting.

Bob Gillan reiterated that the MHTC should be the ones to produce the State standard for all harbormasters in Massachusetts. Our standards for training should be the equivalent of NASBLA, USCG and EP courses. The council should have 2-3 years of funding and be open to all harbormasters at minimal to no cost to them.

Bob will draft a recommendation for the council for the next meeting and work on the Port Security Grant that has already been approved to investigate by the MHTC.

Public Comments: no comments

Chad Hunter will work on several items for the next meeting:

- Port Security Grant

- Talk to USCG stations to do regional boat courses.

- DEP Oil Spill course-Bill McHugh will react out and inquire about those courses

New Business:

For the council to be able to point harbormasters in the right direction training via the EOPS website. Shannon will ask the State Ethics Committee about being able to put private training on our website.

Next meeting:

November 8, 2018 11am Weymouth PD

Meeting Adjourned 1207