

Massachusetts Harbormaster Training Council

May 30, 2024

Zoom Virtual Platform

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – Meeting Chairman @ 1315

Roll Call of members : Jason Holm ©; Chris Bailey; Chad Hunter; Rosemary Lesch; Bill McHugh; John Melander (Robert Ferullo @ 1323). Chair notes a technical issue with the virtual link for the meeting. However, the meeting link was not changed from the one posted as a public meeting announcement.

Approval of Minutes

April 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes – Approval: M – Bailey / S – Lesch / C – (Bailey Lesch, McHugh, Melander) Holm & Hunter - Abstain.

Waiver/Exemption Applications

Peter Fowler – City of Salem ; 270 Day waiver request. M - Hunter / S – Lesch / C- (Holm, Bailey, Hunter, Lesch, Melander) McHugh – Abstain.

John McCarthy – City of Gloucester; 270 Day waiver request. M – Lesch / S – Hunter / C – Unanimous

Ryan Knight – City of Salem; 270 waiver request. M – Hunter / S – Lesch / C – (Holm, Bailey, Hunter, Lesch, Ferullo) McHugh- Abstain

Chair advises that the council is seeking subject matter experts to serve as instructors to deliver MHTC approved curriculum. Potential candidates are requested to submit their credentials to the MHTC for consideration.

Old Business

- 1 Review of Marine Theft Course: Chair advised that all course content is in hand. However, final learning assessment, (exam) is missing.
- 2 Review of Vessel Documents Course: Chair advised that a portion of the curriculum is missing. A comparison of the content from a NASBLA course was made.
- 3 Review of USCG ATON/PATON Course: Chair advised that no course materials or content has been located. A discussion on methods of further development and delivery ensued. McHugh suggested a smaller group from the committee convene with Lt. Akin for input. Chief Ferullo advises that he believes MPTC may have some culpability in some of the missing content and will help rectify/restore using his resources. Harbormaster Hunter volunteers to seek guidance/curriculum from the International Association of Marine Investigators.

New Business

- 1 Sgt Bailey and Harbormaster Lesch inquired about the current law enforcement powers bestowed upon Harbormasters. Chair advised that all Harbormasters may enforce regulations pursuant to MGL Ch 90B.

Public Comment

None

Next Meeting

June 20, 2024 @ 1300

Adjournment

M- Lesh / S – Hunter / C – Unanimous @ 1354