



Derelict and Abandoned Vessel  
and Obstruction Removal Commission

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

for the  
DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSEL AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL COMMISSION  
MEETING

held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021  
through ZOOM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kurt Blanchard, DEM, Div. of Law Enf., Chair  
Dave Prescott, Save the Bay, Member  
Mac Cooper, RIMTA, Member  
Dan Goulet, CRMC, Member  
  
Commission member vacancy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

JoAnne Scorpio, Secretary to the DAVOR Comm.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Obstruction Removal Commission was called to order at 9:08am on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, through Zoom videoconferencing, Kurt Blanchard, Chair presided over the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present.

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Draft Meeting Minutes Review and Vote:

Commissioners reviewed the draft meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 22, 2020. With no revisions made, the Chair then entertained that a vote be taken to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Prescott **MOVED** to approve the September 22, 2020 draft meeting minutes; Commissioner Mac Cooper **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**, 4-0 in favor.

2. Commission Membership Status:

- a. Appointment renewals: The Chair stated that he wanted to discuss the Commission membership status including a replacement for the vacant seat. He reminded the commissioners that two of the member appointments, which are the Governor's appointees, will expire in May of this year and he would like to begin the process of renewing those appointments. The other two seats, RIDEM director designees, are processed differently. Commissioners Cooper, Prescott, and Goulet all stated they wanted to continue serving on the commission. The Chair then advised he will move forward with the reappointment process.
- b. Vacancy: The Chair said he reached out to the Vice President of Harbormasters to discuss Tim Mill's roll with the (DAVOR) commission and what the commission's obligations are to proceed with his replacement.

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Commissioners then discussed potential candidates for the vacancy seat. The Chair advised Warren Harbormaster Ed Cabral was a candidate that was recommended to him to serve on the commission. He went on to say that Ed Cabral served 32 years with DEM, Law Enforcement. He retired as an EPO Lieutenant, Command of Marine Patrol and has an understanding of state waters. He's also very pro-active and is very engaged in what's going on and has also shown an interest with the Commission. Commissioners then discussed other potential candidates.

### III New Business:

1. 2022 Meeting Schedule: Commission will schedule dates for 2022 at the next scheduled meeting which takes place on Tues, September 28, 2021.

### IV. Other Comments:

1. Derelict/Abandoned Vessels: Commissioners discussed some of the potential abandoned vessels that may become concerns in the future.

### V. Meeting Adjournment:

Before the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, he dedicated the meeting to the memory of Commissioner Tim Mills. Member Dan Goulet made the **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**; Member Dave Prescott **SECONDED** the **MOTION**. Vote was **UNANIMOUS**; 4-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 09:42am.

Remaining Scheduled Meetings for 2021: Tuesday, September 28, 2021

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