



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Board of Harbor Commission

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Thursday, March 21, 2019

3:00 PM

Fifth St. Yacht Club - 761 Marquette St.

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#### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m.*

Present: Mike Fox, Sherman Foertsch, Tom Ryan, Tony Herrmann, Richard Hynek, James Rooney, Lynn Monroe, Dan Strommen, Monte Osterman

Excused: John Rooney, Sgt. Dan Hogan, Alder Tracey Larrin, Tom Molbeck

#### Approval of Minutes for the November 15, 2018 Meeting

*The minutes of the November 15, 2018, meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.*

#### Racine County Sheriff's Department Water Patrol Report

*No report.*

#### Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Report

*No report.*

#### Reef Lighthouse

*Vice Chairman Herrmann reported on his 11/16/18 meeting at 9th District USCG Headquarters Cleveland with Rear Admiral Joanna Nunan and the District's top staff. This included CDR Jeremy Hall, CEU Commanding Officer and several other CEU and Waterways Management. That agenda reviewed four items identified in the Vice Chairman Herrmann's communications with Rear Admiral Nunan on 10/22/18 and 12/14/18:*

- 1. Issue - Racine Reef declared "Urgent Navigational Hazard" by the Harbor Commission on 5/16/18.*
- 2. Racine Reef Unique Characteristics & History. (Attachment 1)*
- 3. What Does Racine Want. (Attachment 2)*
- 4. Harbor Commission's Proposed "Dual Provisional Path". (Attachment 3)*

*CDR Jeremy Hall, CEU Commanding Officer, agreed that the "Dual Provisional Path" independently and concurrently arrived at by his staff and our Harbor Commission was*

*their chosen path as well.*

*An additional Herrmann Advisory Communication was sent to Rear Admiral Nunan and Staff on 3/13/19:*

- 1. Restating Harbor Commission's 5/16/18 Declaration that Racine Reef was an "Urgent Navigational Hazard".*
- 2. Reported an alarming extension of Lake Michigan's commercial cargo shipping season deep into "severe winter months" challenging the wisdom of winter buoys replacing navigational Pintsch Light buoys.*
- 3. Reported that despite the decrepit above-the-water condition, the Racine Reef base survived the 1/7/19 Lake Michigan gale force storm and severe waves that destroyed/toppled the Manitowoc Pierhead light (see much publicized YouTube video).*

*On 3/15/19, Rear Admiral Nunan responded referring our concerns to her staff for a response.*

*Chairman Rooney shared with the Commission Herrmann's Cleveland travel expenses of \$622.29: Hotel \$246.29; Air Fare \$233.00; O'Hare Ground Travel \$118.00; Food \$25.00.*

*Mike Fox moved to reimburse these expenses which was seconded and passed unanimously by the Commission.*

### **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Level Bulletin for March 2019**

*The Lake Level Bulletin for March 2019 was distributed. This was information only and no action was required.*

**Next Meeting Date - April 18, 2019 at 4 p.m. - Harbor Lite Yacht Club, 559 State St.**

### **Adjournment**

*The meeting adjourned at 4 p.m.*