HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Selectmen’s Office
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06836-2540
203-622-7710

Meeting Notice
Harbor Management Commission
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.
Mazza Room - Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
   May 18, 2016 Meeting
3. Chairman’s Report (Angiolillo)
4. Update of Mianus River Dredge Project (Mazza & Steadman)
5. Update on Harbor Management Plan (Gibbons & Steadman)
6. Update on Draft Mooring Regulations (Angiolillo)
7. Ad Hoc Mooring Committee Update (Kinner & Armstrong)
8. Harbormaster Report (MacMillan)
9. Unfinished Business
   a. Approval of Rules & Regulations for Harbormaster Boat
   b. Approval of Indemnification and Release of Liability for Passengers on Harbormaster Boat

10. New Business

11. Public Comment (time permitting)

12. Adjournment

[Signature]
Bruce Angiolillo
Chairman

Attachments: (4)
   2 Letters to DEEP re: Dredging
   Bruce Angiolillo letter
   Peter J. Tesei letter
   Revised DRAFT Rules and Regulations of Harbormaster Boat
   DRAFT Indemnification and Release of Liability form
May 20, 2016

Ms. Tonia Selmeski
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Office of Long Island Sound Programs
79 Elm Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127

Subject: Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve Notice of Coastal Consistency Review and Water Quality Certification. Applicant: United States Army Corps of Engineers. Application No. 201603761-TS; FCC#201604352-TS

Dear Ms. Selmeski:

The Greenwich Harbor Management Commission (HMC) has reviewed the Notice of Tentative Determination (Notice) issued by the Office of Long Island Sound Programs (OLISP) to approve the above-referenced application by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Planned by the USACE at the request of the Town of Greenwich, the proposed project involves maintenance dredging of the Mianus River federal navigation channel in Cos Cob Harbor. The project is necessary to restore the channel's Congressionally authorized depth of six feet at mean lower low water, thereby supporting continued safe and efficient navigation and the viability of water-dependent businesses.

Approximately 60,000 cubic yards of sediment will be dredged from the channel using funds provided by the State of Connecticut through the Department of Transportation (CT DOT). The dredged material, determined by the USACE to be suitable for unconfined open water disposal, will be placed in the Western Long Island Sound Dredged Material Disposal Site.

Our review of the OLISP Notice was conducted for the purpose of determining the consistency of the proposed maintenance dredging project with the now-pending Greenwich Harbor Management Plan (the Plan) and the overall needs and interests of the Town.
Now under development, the Plan will establish the following Town policy concerning maintenance of the Mianus River federal navigation channel.

The federal navigation project, including the federal channel from Long Island Sound to the head of navigation near the Route 1 Bridge, should be maintained as needed according to its Congressionally authorized dimensions and locations, including the authorized channel depth of six feet at mean lower low water. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District is encouraged to conduct maintenance dredging in the most timely manner needed to provide safe navigation and continued viability of water-dependent uses, including recreational boating facilities established in the River Road Waterfront Business District.

The need for the project and importance of Cos Cob Harbor to the Town have been described in numerous reports, documents, and letters submitted by the Town to state and federal agencies, including the USACE and CT DOT.

During its meeting on May 18, 2016, the HMC considered the OLISP Notice and the draft OLISP permit attached to the Notice and determined that the application is consistent with the pending Harbor Management Plan and the public interest in Cos Cob Harbor. The HMC approved a motion to urge the OLISP’s most timely approval of the application for the purpose of ensuring that the proposed project can be conducted during federal FY 2017 which begins October 1, 2016.

Thank you in advance for your most timely review and action on the dredging application. Please contact me directly at (203) 274-4032 or bruce.angiolillo@greenwichct.org if you wish to discuss this matter further or require any additional information at this time.

Sincerely,

Bruce Angiolillo
Chairman

cc: First Selectman Peter Tesei
CT Representative Mike Bocchino
CT Representative Fred Camillo
CT Representative Livvy Floren
CT Senator L. Scott Frantz
U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal
U.S. Representative Jim Himes
U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy
Commissioner Rob Kleo, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Commissioner James P. Redeker, CT Department of Transportation
Ms. Valerie Cappola, Environmental Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Jack Karalius, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Joe Salvatore, Dredge Project Coordinator, Connecticut Department of Transportation
Mr. Joe Siciliano, Director of Parks and Recreation
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Dear Ms. Selmeski:

I am writing in support of the above-referenced maintenance dredging project planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the request of the Town of Greenwich. This project, with funding provided by the State of Connecticut through the Department of Transportation, will restore the Mianus River federal navigation channel to its Congressionally authorized depth.

The Town, acting through the First Selectman’s Office, Harbor Management Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, and other agencies, has been working cooperatively with the Corps of Engineers and Department of Transportation for a number of years to achieve this much needed project to support continued safe navigation and the viability of water-dependent businesses and recreational boating facilities.

It is my understanding that the Corps of Engineers has conducted extensive investigations to demonstrate that the project will have no significantly adverse environmental impacts.

In conclusion, I strongly endorse the planned dredging project and urge the most timely approval of the Corps of Engineers’ dredging application by the Office of Long Island Sound Programs so that this project may be conducted with the available funding during Fiscal Year 2017 beginning October 1, 2016.

You may contact me directly at (203) 622-7710 or peter.tesei@greenwichct.org if you wish to discuss this matter further or require any additional information from my office. You may also contact HMC Chairman Bruce Angiolillo at (203) 274-4032 or bruce.angiolillo@greenwichct.org.

"The Town of Greenwich is Dedicated to Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity"
Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter J. Tesei
First Selectman

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Mr. Bruce Angiolillo, Chairman, Harbor Management Commission
Commissioner Rob Klee, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Commissioner James P. Redeker, CT Department of Transportation
Ms. Valerie Cappola, Environmental Section, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Jack Karalus, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Mr. Joe Salvatore, Dredge Project Coordinator, Connecticut Department of Transportation
Mr. Joe Siciliano, Director of Parks and Recreation
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF HARBORMASTER BOAT

1. Only person to operate the boat shall be the State Appointed Harbormaster for Greenwich. The boat shall be used for only those activities of the Harbormaster that are set forth in State Statutes, the approved Harbor Management Plan and any regulations that may be promulgated thereto. A representative of the Town of Greenwich may operate the boat with the prior approval of the HMC Chairman. All operators should have either a Ct. Safe Boating License or a USCG license.

2. Boat shall not leave the dock unless in proper operating condition and all required Coast Guard safety equipment is on board and in proper condition. The Harbormaster shall be responsible for the vessel once it is launched and turned over to him for the season.

3. Boat shall not be used to haul or drag for moorings without the prior approval of the HMC Chairman, and shall not be used to tow or give assistance to any vessel unless there is imminent danger to life or property.

4. No one other than the Harbormaster or Deputy Harbormaster shall be on the boat at any time without the prior approval of the Chairman of the HMC.

5. Harbormaster shall keep log on boat detailing date and time of all trips, purpose of trip, any passengers and results of trip. The log shall be submitted to the HMC monthly.

6. Any supplies or equipment required for use on the boat shall be requested by the Harbormaster through the Superintendent of the MFO Division of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

7. The Harbormaster boat shall be berthed at all times at the Town of Greenwich Marine Facilities at Grass Island. Slip assignment shall be at the direction of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

8. The boat shall be cleaned and all gear properly stored after each use. No personal use of the boat.

9. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the boat.

Adopted: June 16, 2016
INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

TOWN OF GREENWICH
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF GREENWICH

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT. DO NOT SIGN IT UNTIL YOU HAVE READ THE CONTENTS HEREOF AND UNDERSTAND THE SAME. IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT, CONSULT AN ATTORNEY PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.

The Undersigned hereby agrees to assume all risk and bear all responsibility and to indemnify and hold the TOWN OF GREENWICH, the HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GREENWICH, their agents, representatives, servants, officers, and employees, harmless from any and all claims, demands, suits, proceedings, liabilities, judgments, awards, losses, damages arising out of injuries to any persons or property, including any and all costs and expenses incurred in the defense of such claims, demands, suits and proceedings including court costs and attorneys’ fees resulting from, arising out of, or in any way related to or connected with the Undersigned’s riding aboard the Town of Greenwich vessel assigned to and used by the Harbor Master (hereinafter, “Harbor Master Vessel”).

The Undersigned does also forever discharge the TOWN OF GREENWICH, the HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GREENWICH, their agents, representatives, servants, officers and employees from any and all claims including claims of negligence or carelessness, alleging damages and any and all causes of action which the Undersigned may have or may hereafter have, arising out of, related to, or in any manner connected with injuries or damages the Undersigned may sustain by reason of riding aboard the Harbor Master Vessel.

I am aware that riding aboard the Harbor Master Vessel is an inherently dangerous activity which may involve substantial risks of injury. I represent that riding aboard the Harbor Master Vessel is strictly voluntary on my part.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS ITS CONTENTS. THE UNDERSIGNED IS AWARE THAT THIS RELEASE IS A WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HAS SIGNED IT VOLUNTARILY.

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE: __________________________________________

DATE: __________________________

ADDRESS: _______________________________________________________

TELEPHONE: __________________