

**DRAFT**

**Town of Greenwich  
Harbor Management Commission  
Meeting  
January 15, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
Mazza Room, Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Members in attendance:**

Mike Van Oss	Chairman
Lile Gibbons	Vice Chairman
Bernard Armstrong	Secretary
Bill Ingraham	
Frank Mazza	

**Absent:**

Bruce Angiolillo  
Donald Carlson

**Alternates:**

Casey McKee

**Alternates Absent**

Skip Parker

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Sue Baker	Conservation Commission
Brian Kerzner	Department of Parks & Recreation
Sgt. Latiak	Police Department
Jill Oberlander	Board of Selectmen

**Absent:**

Joseph Benoit	RTM
Roger Bowgen	Shellfish Commission
Katie DeLuca	P & Z
Rick Loh	Board of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan	Harbormaster

## **Consultant in Attendance:**

Geoffrey Steadman

### **1. Meeting called to order at 6:04 P.M. by Chairman Mike Van Oss**

Chairman Van Oss seated Casey McKee.

### **2. Approval of Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Frank Mazza. Motion carried (Unanimous).

### **3. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Van Oss reported he continues to work on the Blue Plan. The Chairman also reported that there would be a Blue Plan meeting in Hartford and that he would attend.

### **4. Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project**

Frank Mazza reported no progress since last meeting.

Frank Mazza reported the Town Attorney has advised we wait for new Board of Selectmen for any action on the "Equal Access to All" plan.

Geoff Steadman advised the Army Corps of Engineers is waiting for response from Board of Selectmen on the plan.

### **5. Finance Committee Report**

Frank Mazza reported the Finance Committee met on January 6. The committee moved \$5,000 in the proposed budget to Temporary salaries, bringing the total to \$20,000. A motion was made by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Bernie Armstrong to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried. Unanimous.

### **6. Mooring Committee Report**

Bill Ingraham provided an update on the status of 2020 moorings and reported the process is running smooth.

## 7. Application Review Committee

### Application Review Committee Report

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Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angiolillo

Finished business

0 action s completed & will be removed from report.

9 open Items (pending DEEP action)

1. 12/17/18 Rec'd COP Application for Removal of Invasive Phragmites in Bruce Park, Greenwich. Coastal resources in Bruce Park are Greenwich Creek, tidal ponds and associated tidal marshes. Approved by HMC 12/19/18.
2. Rec'd DEEP Permit Consultation form for **Byram Harbor Marina** to replace an existing 20x87 boat ramp with a new 20x98 boat ramp and floating dock. Also, to modify the stone retaining wall to add 20'. Engineer M. Taverna. Shellfish commission sees no adverse impact to shellfish areas. Recommended position. The Harbor Commission has no objection to proceeding with this permit application and finds this proposed activity consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Letter sent 2/22/19. 4/15/19 rec'd copy of the published notice for the application for the proposed boat ramp at Byram Park. Now under review by DEEP.
3. 6/24/19 Sent out signed Pre-application approval letter and signed HMC Consultation Form to Matt Taverna et al for **89 River Road** marina. 1/3/20 Rec'd ACOE Public Notice for 89 River Road Dock Project. Period ends 1/23/20.
4. 6/24/19 Sent signed Pre-application approval letter to Jill Pietropaolo at Race along with the signed Deep Permit Consultation Form (file **17 Byron Dock**).  
5/21/19 rec'd Certificate of Permission Application Form for **8 Eggleston Lane** to rebuild a stone seawall. Engineer Jim Bajek. See Dock application now permitted. 2 separate Permission Applications.
5. 7/29/19 Structures, Dredging & Fill and Tidal Wetlands for marina improvements for 89 River Road, Cos Cob. Sent to committee on 7/29/19. No action required
6. 9/23/19 General Permit Registration Form for 152 Indian Head Rd for waterfront improvements to replace broken timbers and gangway and ramp. HMC voted in favor at 10/16/19 meeting
7. 12/6/19 Rec'd the Public Notice from the USACOE regarding the kelp farm North of Payea Reach. File NAE-2019-00271 The ACOE is seeking comments regarding this plan. N.B the HMC approved a similar request in 2017.
8. 12/6/19 Rec'd Certificate of Permission Application for 52 Pear Lane, Greenwich for seawall repair and other modifications. Engineer Race Coastal, Azure Dee Sleicher. The

commission had no objection to this and send notification to Susan Jacobson (DEEP) on 12/31/19

9. 1/3/20 40 Field Point Circle. Commission had no objection and sent notification to Susan Jacobson 1/2/20

## **New Business**

### **2 new Business Items, 2 for review at the 1/15/20 HMC Meeting**

1/3/2020 Rec'd LWRD License Application for 228 Byram Shore to retain and maintain a 3'x40' aluminum ramp and a 10' by 42" timber floating dock in the Byram Riven in Greenwich. Engineer John Hilts. The commission had no objection to this application and DEEP will be notified by letter. Letter sent 1/20/2020 to Susan Jacobson.

1/3/20 Rec'd LWRD License Application for Additional floating docks, replacement of deteriorated bulkheads, seawalls and ramp landings, and reinstallation of and/or modifications to ramps at a commercial recreational boating marina for 112 Water Street, Greenwich. Engineer John Hilts The commission determined that the application was not sufficient to act on. Bernard Armstrong is to contact John Hilts and inform him that it is important that immediate neighbors be notified and invite John Hilts to the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting

No other permit actions were received by the HMC affecting the GHA since the December meeting.

## **8. Harbormaster Liaison Report**

Bill Ingraham reported he has not seen or spoken with the Harbormaster in a few months. No report given.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Status of Potential Dredge of Greenwich Cove**

Brian Kerzner reported he waiting for an outline of the footprint from the Army Corps of Engineers and for test borings.

### **b. Status of "No Wake" Zone**

Bill Ingraham reported a reasonable area has been established and he is waiting for final approval from DEEP. A proposed ordinance will then be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Lile Gibbons suggested that the co-ordinates be posted on the website.

### **c. Blue Plan Update**

Chairman Van Oss reported he has been in contact with Sen. Meskers relative to the Blue Plan. Representatives of the Harbor Management Association will attend a meeting in Hartford next week to discuss

authority. The Harbor Management Association is monitoring the drafting process. Chairman Van Oss will report again at next HMC meeting.

**d. Harbormaster Search**

Lile Gibbons requested that a notice and requirements be posted on Town Website and that all yacht club be advised that a search is under way. The Harbor Management Commission will forward a list to Governor Lamont for appointment. The Harbor Management Commission may identify a preferred candidate. Lile Gibbons to provide a job description to be posted. Lile will send written notice to all Greenwich boat and yacht clubs to request inputs for candidates.

**10. New Business**

None

**11. Public Comment**

Doug Masi requested info as to where he can get information on the Blue Plan.

Geoff Steadman advised the Blue Plan is authorized by the Legislature to give DEEP guidance.

Chairman Van Oss reported the proposed Blue Plan is available on line.

Geoff Steadman provided an outline of the creation and objectives of the Blue Plan. The TOG wants to be on the Blue Plan agenda to make certain that the Harbor Management Plan is not impacted.

Lile Gibbons motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:15pm. Frank Mazza seconded. Vote unanimous.

**12. Executive Session was called to order at 7:16pm.**

Present were Mike Van Oss, Lile Gibbons, Casey Mc Kee, Bill Ingraham, Frank Mazza, Bernie Armstrong. Geoff Steadman was asked to remain. Aanina Ahmad from town attorney's office also present There was discussion about Deputy Commissioner's Whalen's position regarding the Marache dock and the Harbor Commission Plan and its authorities. DEEP felt that it did not need to respect the plan and this would undermine the plan. Whalen specifically stated that she did not have to abide by the Greenwich Harbor Plan since the plan did not specifically speak to it.

**Executive Session ended at 7:50pm.**

Motion made by Frank Mazza, seconded by Casey Mc Kee, vote unanimous

Once out of Executive Session, Lile Gibbons made the following motion:  
*Move to authorize the town attorneys' office to file an intervention in the existing appeal of Cohen vs. DEEP and Marache either to intervene as a party and/or file an amicus brief.* Frank Mazza seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the vote was unanimous in favor.

### 13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Bill Ingraham to adjourn. Motion carried (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM

## Bernard Armstrong

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Michael Van Oss  
Chairman

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Bernard Armstrong  
Secretary

Penny Monahan assisted the Secretary in the preparation of these minutes.