

FINAL 1/20/21 MINUTES
Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission Meeting
Via Zoom Conference

Members in attendance:

Mike Van Oss, Chairman
Bernard Armstrong, Secretary
Bill Ingraham
Frank Mazza
Casey McKee
Skip Parker

Alternates:

Ty Anderson.
Beth Forbes

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Ted Latiak, Police Department
Sean Jordan, Harbormaster
Brian Kerzner, Parks and Recreation
Roger Bowgen.
Jill Oberender
Joseph Benoit
Sue Baker

Absent:

Katie DeLuca P & Z
Rick Loh, Board of Parks & Rec
Lile Gibbons, Vice Chairman

Consultant in Attendance:

Geoffrey Steadman

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Chairman Mike Van Oss

Beth Forbes was seated.

2. Approval of Minutes for the November 18, 2020 HMC Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 regular meeting by B. Armstrong, seconded by Skip Parker. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Van Oss wished everyone a Happy New Year, thanked all commission members and Ex Officios for their hard work and contributions for 2020 and that he was looking forward to 2021.

4. Mooring Committee Report

Bill Ingraham reported that the mooring plan would be to have a 90% renewal rate by the end of January and to have a new administrator on board also. Ingraham also thanked Casey Mc Kee for being a good recruiter. Casey McKee gave a report with his experience flying the drone with the Greenwich Police and his plan is to use the drone technology to help chart the many mooring fields in Greenwich Harbor.

6. Harbormaster Report

The Harbor Master presented his monthly report attached.

7. Finance Committee. Frank Mazza presented the final budget for 2021-2022 and thanked Lile Gibbons and Bernard Armstrong for their work in the committee in 2020. After a brief budget discussion Mr. Armstrong motioned, Mr. Ingraham seconded. Vote unanimous.

8. Applications Review Committee Report (Chairman Armstrong & McKee and Forbes). Report attached.

Mr. Armstrong reported that six dock items were reviewed at great length and the HMC had no objections to 4 of the 6 items.

a. Pre-Submission Consultation Form for an 81' dock, 25' gangway and 10x10 float at **3 Perkely Lane, Riverside**. The vote was unanimous to go forward with this application.

BFA to send letter to applicant. Casey motioned; Bernie seconded. Vote unanimous.

b. 708 Steamboat Rd request to repair a damaged seawall. This application continued to generate much discussion. A fine is pending. Beth Forbes was assigned to contact P&Z to get its position going back to 2019.

c. 200 Shore Road. There was much discussion of the unpermitted concrete steps into the water. The commission suggested to the engineer that steps be removed which could clear the way for dock approval in the following month. Shellfish had no objection. Mr. Armstrong is to send the applicant a "notice of non-compliance". Beth Forbes to pursue getting a Coastal Review position from P&Z on this application.

d. 10 South Causeway Residential Dock. Shellfish and Conservation also had no objections. Armstrong motioned; Mc Kee seconded. Vote unanimous.

e. Greenwich Point Footbridge. Shellfish OK, Conservation OK. Armstrong motioned; Mc Kee seconded. Vote unanimous.

f. Lobster Barges. Sean Jordan updated the commission on all the additional facts and findings regarding these permanent and unpermitted storage barges. He informed the commission that My Zawoy (DEEP) will issue a violation for these barges. Mr. Steadman commended M. Jordan for his work on this so far. Mr. Jordan to give a further update at the February HMC meeting

8. Old Business

a. Mr. Ingraham reported that we need to purchase 2 more buoys to complete this project.

b. Greenwich Cove Dredging Brian Kerzner reported that the dredging probably will not happen until next year as Parks and Rec would like to enlarge both the area size and depth (to 9+1) of the dredge now require additional permitting along with questions about capping the dredged materials.

c. Captain Harbor Dredge is still ON HOLD pending a town policy change.

9. New Business

54 Byram Drive Dock Project. Roger Bowgen presented the Aquaculture report and stated emphatically that all local shell fisher men are a strong NO against this project. The applicant has made no changes to this project and that RACE engineering possibly misrepresented the surrounding conditions Chairman van Oss to send a 2nd positional letter to DEEP stating the HMCs objections to going forward with this application and highlighting the various references in the letter. Letter to be sent to Sue Jacobson no

later than January 22nd. We are still waiting for Conservation's position and Mr. Armstrong to make contact to request same. Chairman Van Oss will sign this letter.

Adjournment. Casey Mc Kee motioned; Beth Forbes seconded. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Michael Van Oss, Chairman

Bernard Armstrong, Secretary

Good Day,

Please note the below written summary of activities:

For items included on previous months reports, **red text** indicates updated comments.

Moorings 2021 – In preparation for the upcoming season and now that Joanna has transitioned to her new opportunity, I would like to offer my assistance with any documentation and communications needed. It seems a signature is needed from the Harbormaster on the mooring permits to make them official. We may need to double check the regs or permits. The historical process for establishing mooring should remain unchanged, it seems we only need to add the step of obtaining the Harbormaster signature.

Date	Activity
06 Dec 2020	Visual inspection for Cove floating platform // visual inspection of floating docks made fast to I-95 from West Bank
11 Dec 2020	Attend the HMC/HM boat to collect gear. Understand the boat will be pulled this week where we will contact Catalanos to winterize the boat.
19 Dec 2020	Vist East Bank with Skip Parker to inspect lobster docks made fast to I-95
10 Jan 2020	Meet with Kevin Zawoy DEEP enforcement to discuss and view the Lobster docks. Also meet with Rick Kral of Beacon Point Marine for DEEP to establish their perspective and latest information considering previous involvement.

Communications/Queries/Events from Public

Person/Business/Name	Description	Action (open/closed)
Lobster storage floating docks made fast to I-95 in Mianus River	For a prolonged period of time these floating docks are not in compliance with local regs, state DEEP. Dock use has reportedly been in steep decline where dock is in poor condition	<p>We have clarified there is no local agreement with the town or permits for this structure</p> <p>In 2012 DEEP issued a permit requiring the docks to be shifted from the East Bank to the western part of the river. Docks were to be made fast to pilings under the I-95 over pass. This permit was valid for 5 years and no action has been taken. Permit issued to Beacon Point Marine.</p> <p>In 2012 DOT issued conditional approval for a lease allowing the docks to be placed as per the DEEP permit (under the I-95 over pass in the western part of the river out of the navigational channel). Lessee Beacon Point Marine, Inc.</p> <p>In 2013 DOT terminated the lease agreement. This was result of Beacon Point Marine and/or the lobstermen not obtaining an “encroachment permit” from Disctric II Maintenance. in this encroachment letter there is</p>

		<p>instruction to take corrective action.</p> <p>Kevin Zawoy of DEEP enforcement has visited the site and has verbally indicated he will issue a recommendation for DEEP to take enforcement action. We now await advice from CT DOT</p> <p>One note, I'm unclear why the permits and leases were issued to Beason Point Marine.</p>
Beth Forbes	Possible Live aboard at 600 Steamboat Road	<p>Mike has confirmed no live aboard are allowed according to town ordinance section 7-75 of the town code.</p> <p>Mike, Beth and all currently clarifying details.</p>
Various Person	A few queries regarding winter boat storage, kayak storage application received and referred to Parks and Rec	<p>We may wish to look at the information on the Harbor Master section of the website to assist further clarify. I can start to prepare some flow charts for steps to take for regular/repeat tasks. Some to be for internal use/clarity others potentially can be posted for the public to reference. Part of this process will be to identify and establish a standard flow of info for repeat task (which may be subject to change basis extenuating circumstances.)</p>

Previous items

Person/Business/Name	Description	Action (open/closed)
Susan Weiss	Wooden Structure (unofficial swimming platform) reported in Greenwich Cove. She reports previous one of the blue floats used in construction broke away and washed up on the beach.	<p>We have confirmed this structure is homemade and not in compliance with the HMP for vessel where it cannot be attached to a mooring. It is has also been clarified this structure does not meet the requirements for as swimming float according to DEEP Requirements and must be removed.</p> <p>Bill and the mooring vendors are urging the owner to remove the structure without the need of official action.</p> <p>Will need follow up in due course.</p> <p>Floating platform removed by owners without issue.</p>
Jonathan Wilkes (S/V Mystic Pearl)	Verbal report received via Grass Island Dock Master of a line in	I have initiated contact understand he will remove the

	<p>water between S/V Mystic Pearl and near by mooring buoy. After checking our mooring info data this vessel is not registered with the town and appears to be moored to a winter stick</p>	<p>line and work with mooring committee to provide the required information for his mooring. Understand this has been resolved. Will need to verify. After rechecking locally this was not done. We will need to follow up with Mr. Wilkes to clarify the location in which he is permitted to moor. Currently he is not in the system.</p> <p>Boat has been removed we will need to send an email with the mooring committee to assist clarify the local mooring regulations</p>
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Appreciate all your assistance during this transition period while I figure out the systems and points of contact.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Application Review Committee Report

1/20/21 HMC Meeting

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

Casey Mc Kee, Beth Forbes

Finished business.

2 items

1/5/21 Rec'd License# 202011032-COP for Byram Boat Ramp Improvements

10/15/20 Sugar Kelp Aquaculture Project. Sponsor Dan Maggio. Deferred because of no HMC meeting in March. The HMC voted "no objections" to this request. HMC letter sent Received on 9/29/20 ACOE notice of public comment period with an ending date on 10/9/20. Application denied (reason: location)

19 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. 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**).
- 3 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.
4. Rec'd DEEP Notice of Tentative Determination to approve the application submitted by River Road Development LLC for proposed activity that includes modifying a marina and rowing club. Written comments due to DEEP by June 16, 2020.
5. 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.
- 6 2/6/19 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,
- 7 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. 1/21/20 Sent HMC position letter to Susan Jacobson.

- 8 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. There was no objection to this application and letter sent to DEEP on
- 9 2/15/20 Application by Cos Cob Kelp & Shell to build a kelp farm Southeast of Hen and Chickens and West of Green Gong 1 in Greenwich Harbor. Engineer Steve Timchak. There was no objection to this application and letter sent to DEEP on
- 10 Rec'd LWRD License Application for 207 Byram Shore Road to build a 4/40 dock. John Hilts Engineer. The HMC reviewed this project on April 15th and sent is notification out on 4/20/20.
- 11 Rec'd Certificate of Permission Application for dock modifications for 31 Indian Point Lane, Riverside. Engineer is Christina Lopes with Dockos in Mystic, CT. The HMC had no objection to this at its 6/17 meeting.
- 12 Rec'd Pre-submission Consultation Form for Greenwich Point Park to dredge 2.4 acres in Greenwich Cove. This area is part of the 147acre Greenwich Point Park with significant residential development in the area. Sponsor is Brian Kerzner. Engineering by Steve Sternberg, Race Coastal. The HMC had no objection to this at its 6/17/20 meeting.
- 13 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form for 7 Meadow Place, Old Greenwich., to extend the 50 ft pier, add gangway and timber floating dock. Engineer, Jill Pietropaolo, Race Coastal. Rec'd Shellfish signoff for same.
- 14 Rec'd Revised Pre-Submission Consultation Form for 7 Meadow Place, Old Greenwich. 7/21/20 sent signed Pre-Submission application and letter to Race Coastal,
- 15 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form to repair a 190 'stone seawall and build a new 110'x4 'pier and gangway at 54 Byram Drive, Greenwich. RACE is the engineer. The commission had great concerns about the non-compliant size of the proposed dock (155 ft) considering there are no other docks in the area and the extreme low tidal conditions mostly mud flats. Armstrong to contact Shellfish to request its inspection. Inspection planned for 9/29/20. Reviewed by HMC on 9/16 & 10/21/20. Unable to provide favorable recommendation.
- 16 Rec'd Certificate of Permission Application to retain and repair the pre-1995 gangway and floating dock structure as well as maintain the existing stone masonry retaining wall

and existing stone revetment. Site is 7 Byram Road, Old Greenwich. Jill P is engineer at RACE. 10/2/20 sent to committee for comment. Reviewed by HMC 10/21/20.

- 17 Oak Lane Pre-application plans to rebuild an unpermitted dock at 9 Oak Lane, Old Greenwich. HMC letter sent 11/9/20 requesting information.
- 18 Pre-Submission Consultation form for 12 Indian Lane, Old Greenwich to repair an existing 77" dock, gangway and seawall. HMC letter sent 11/16/20.

New Business

6 new Business Items for review at the 1/20/21 HMC Meeting

- 11/7/20 Rec'd Certificate of Permission Application for 708 Steamboat Rd, Greenwich to rebuild and repair substantial seawall damage in Greenwich Harbor. Engineer Jill Pietropaolo at Race Coastal. 11/23 BFA sent letter Kevin Zawoy regarding the unauthorized seawall repair work at 708 Steamboat Rd. Awaiting response
- 12/15/20 Unpermitted Floating lobster pot docks in Mianus River made fast to I95 bridge.
- 12/17/20 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form for 200 Shore Road in Old Greenwich to construct a 4 x 88 ft. dock and boat lift and retain a pr-95 stone revetment. Engineer David Provencher at Coastline Consulting.
- 12/29/20 Rec'd Updated Pre-Submission form for an 81' dock, 25' gangway and 10x10 float at 3 Perkely Lane, Riverside. Chris Eggers of RACE is the engineer. The dock location would be at the head of Longmeadow Creek. HMC letter sent 11/11/20 requesting additional information. 12/29/20 Rec'd response from Chris Eggers (RACE) in response to HMC letter
- 1/2/21 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form for the footbridge at Greenwich Point Park. Engineer; Race Coastal. Sent to committee. Rec'd Shellfish Pre-submission Consultation Form signed by Roger Bowgen.
- 1/13/21 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form for a 4x34 residential dock, ramp & float at 10 South Crossway, Old Greenwich. Engineer, James Bajek

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

CODE NUMBER

51300 Temporary Salaries	\$20,000.00
51490 Professional Services	
Geoff Steadman	\$15,000.00
Outside Consultants	\$5,000.00
Mooring Compliance	\$5,000.00
52360 Mooring Software	\$5,000.00
52950 Phone Service	\$750.00
Mis. NOC	\$750.00
53010 Office Supplies	
Postage	\$750.00
Mooring Stickers	\$1,000.00
53500 Motor Fuel and Lubricants	\$350.00
53520 Parts for Boat	\$500.00
53710 2 no wake buoys	\$3,000.00
54300 Maintenance of Boat	\$4,000.00
Disposal of old boat	\$1000.00
TOTAL	\$62,100.00

Harbor Management Commission

2021 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday

January 20	6pm	Zoom
February 17	6pm	Zoom
March 17	6pm	Zoom
April 21	6pm	Zoom
May 19	6pm	Zoom
June 16	6pm	Zoom
July 21	6 pm	Zoom
August 18	No meeting	
September 15	6pm	Zoom
October 20	6pm	Zoom
November 17	6pm	Zoom
December 15	6pm	Zoom

The room location will be published when Town Hall reopens to the public