Town of Greenwich  
Harbor Management Commission  
Meeting  
January 21, 2015  
6:00 P.M.  
Mazza Room, Town Hall

MINUTES

Members in attendance:
Frank Mazza  
Peter Quigley  
Steve Kinner  
Lile Gibbons  
James Bonney  
Michael VonOss  
Gary Silberberg (alternate)

Absent:
Bruce Angiolillo
Bernie Armstrong (alternate)

EX-Officio Attendance:
Ian MacMillan – Harbormaster  
John Brown – Police Department  
Sue Baker – Shellfish Commission  
Jeff Freidag – Department of Parks and Recreation  
Andy Fox – Planning & Zoning Commission
Absent:
Roger Bowgen – Shellfish Commission

Also present:
Geoff Steadman

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairman Frank Mazza. Chairman Mazza seated Gary Silberberg to fill the vacancy created by the absence of Bruce Angiolillo.

1. Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the December 17, 2014 Harbor Management Commission Meeting were approved.

2. Funding of Five Moorings for Department of Parks and Recreation
Chairman Frank Mazza presented details of request for funding of $2,900 to place new anchors on aids to navigation.

The following arguments to the proposal were expressed:
Peter Quigley claims that without a Harbor Plan we cannot spend money. He wants Harbor Master reimbursed for his expenses before any other expenditures.
Gary Silberberg states we cannot discuss Commission business through e-mail. Gary opposes expenditures by way of authority of Harbor Management Commission. Gary claims Harbor Management Commission does not have authority for this proposed expenditure.

Ian MacMillan stated the number of buoys requested should be nine, not five. Ian further stated the Harbor Management Commission has no authority other than developing a Harbor Management Plan. Ian also stated he does not have to abide by recommendations of Harbor Management Commission.

Jim Bonney stated we should not be spending money before we have a Harbor Management Plan outside budgeted appropriations.

Lile Gibbons suggested we approve this expenditure and pass it along for proper processing.

Jeff Freidag explained the need to replace these aids to navigation. Jeff stated the Department of Parks and Recreation does not have the capability to handle this project.

Bill Bennett reported this has been an ongoing problem for years. He has worked with Jeff Freidag to resolve a dangerous situation. This project should be funded by money collected for the safety of boaters.

Tom Drake, Commodore of Old Greenwich Yacht Club wants the four buoys in Greenwich Cove added to the presented request for five buoys, for a total of nine, for the safety of Greenwich Cove.

John Brown stated the Harbor Management Commission should approve this expenditure for the benefit of all boaters. This is a quick fix for a safety problem.

Mike Van Oss wants issue postponed to February meeting.

Motion by Lile Gibbons to accept request from Department of Parks and Recreation for $2,900. Expenditure and to vote on same at February meeting, seconded by Mike Von Oss. Motion lost.

Peter Quigley made a motion to include telephone bill of Harbor Master to this request – rejected by Lile Gibbons.

Jim Bonney made a motion to reject the proposed $2,900. expenditure, seconded by Steve Kinner. Motion carried 4-3. For: Bonney, Kinner, Quigley, Silberberg. Against: Gibbons, Mazza, Von Oss.

Lile Gibbons wants all future requests be presented at one meeting and voted on at the next meeting.

3. Lile Gibbons – Sub-Committee Report
Lile Gibbons reported on progress of Harbor Management Plan Sub-Committee. Minutes of sub-committee meetings have been posted on line and forwarded to each Harbor Management Commission member. Lile reviewed each chapter. Geoff Steadman explained the content and authority of the first four chapters of the proposed Harbor Management Plan. Geoff reviewed the content of each chapter.
Steve Kinner wants Ian to check content of proposed plan with his contacts to get their comment. Lile said absolutely no.

Geoff Steadman volunteered to be liaison with State agencies for comment.

Harbor Management members to review the entire content of the first four chapters discussed tonight and forward all comments to Lile Gibbons by January 28, 2015.

Chairman Mazza to request a memo from Finance Department and Comptroller as to procedure for expenditures.

Next Sub-Committee meeting to be held on February 3, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

4. **New Business**
   Harbor Master Ian MacMillan stated he wants his phone bill paid.
   Peter Quigley wants Ian to present his phone bills to the next Harbor Management Commission meeting.
   Harbor Master Ian MacMillan presented maps prepared by Harbor Master, Mike Finkbiner and his team showing what he claims to be boundaries at Greenwich/Stamford Line at Tomac Cove.

5. **Adjournment**
   Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

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Frank Mazza
Chairman

Penny Monahan
Acting Secretary