

**DRAFT**

**Town of Greenwich  
Harbor Management Commission  
Meeting  
February 19, 2019  
6:00 P.M.  
Mazza Room, Town Hall**

**Minutes**

**Members in attendance:**

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

**Absent:**

Bruce Angiolillo

**Alternates:**

Casey McKee  
Skip Parker

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:**

Sue Baker	Conservation Commission
Joseph Benoit	R. T.M.
Lt. Jim Bonney	Police Department
Brian Kerzner	Department of Parks & Recreation
Jill Oberlander	<del>Board of Selectmen</del>

**Absent:**

Roger Bowgen	Shellfish Commission
Katie DeLuca	P & Z
Rick Loh	Board of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan	Harbormaster
Jill Oberlander	Board of Selectmen

## **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 January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Don Carlson. Motion carried (Unanimous).

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

#### **Greenwich Harbor Management Commission Chairman's Report**

Although it is technically winter, it is feeling like spring outside and the longer days are reminding us that summer will quickly be upon us. Following last month's HMC meeting Frank Mazza and I had the opportunity to sit with our First Selectman Fred Camillo and Parks and Rec Director Joe Siciliano to discuss the resolution the HMC had made at our November meeting to determine a path forward related to the Greenwich Harbor Dredge project. We had a productive conversation and we look forward to hearing back from the selectman's office on what the next steps will be on their end.

I would like to thank Bill Ingraham, Casey Mckee, Penny Monahan and Joanna Giorno for their hard work in proceeding with the mooring renewal process for the 2020 season.

Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation to other members of our commission that work behind the scenes between meetings to keep various projects and committees moving forward. It is their commitment to this commission that allows us to make progress on the multiple tasks presented to the Harbor Management Commission.

Thank you  
Mike Van Oss

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

Frank Mazza reported meeting with First Selectman - less than a stellar meeting.

Director of Parks & Recreation is opposed to “Equal Access for All”. Aamina Ahmad, Assistant Town Attorney has requested that Frank Mazza organize a meeting to talk about funding. Mr. Mazza also reported that the ACOE has cited the Town for being non-compliant with the open to all policy and that the ACOE is reluctant to talk to the Town because it has nothing to tell us. Mr. Mazza stated that we will not have access to dredge funds until the town changes its policy on this. Lile Gibbons commended Mr. Mazza for bringing this matter in front of the BOS. Mr. Steadman commented that an ACOE approval would be automatic if policy were changed.

**5. Finance Committee Report**

Frank Mazza reported the Board of Selectmen has approved the Harbor Management Commission budget and has sent same to the BET.

**6. Mooring Committee Report**

Bill Ingraham reported first round of mooring renewal applications has been sent out. Everything going well in office and going as planned. The stickers are ready to go out. Getting the insurance forms in from the applicants is the next challenge. Ingraham stated that there are 16 abandoned moorings in the GHA. Lile Gibbons recommended that steps be taken to reclaim these. Ingraham did not think we will have a waiting list this season. He also stated that we do not have a policy for abandoned moorings.

**7. Application Review Committee  
Application Review Committee Report  
3/18/2020 HMC Meeting  
Bernard Armstrong, Chairman  
Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angiolillo  
Finished business**

**2 items**

LWRD License Application Form for a Coastal General Permit Registration for 4/40 docks and access stairs for 28 West Way, Old Greenwich, CT. John Gaucher issued DEEP License #2019-14967-LISGP on March 5, 2020. Case closed

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. John Gaucher issued DEEP License #201914255-COP on February 27, 2020. Case closed

**11 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 For 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. 1/22/20 Sent HMC letter to Christina Comeau at ACOE highlighting our 3 main issues with this application.
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. 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.
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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,
9. 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.
10. 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

- 11                    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

**New Business**

**5 new Business Items for review at the 3/18 /20 HMC Meeting**

- 2/13/20            Rec 'd a Pre-Submission Consultation Form to install a residential boat lift at 41 Meadowbank Road, Old Greenwich. Engineer Suzy Bradford, Race Coastal. This application was tabled until 3/18/20 meeting pending Shellfish Commission report
- 2/20/20            Sugar Kelp Aquaculture Project. Sponsor Dan Maggio
- 3/4/20              Certificate of Permission Application received from Riverside Yacht Club to construct two seawalls and a stone revetment on its Eastern property Line. Engineer Matthew Rakowski, Race Coastal.
- 2/25/2020        Rec'd LWRD License Application for 207 Byram Shore Road to build a 4/40 dock. John Hilts Engineer
- 3/8/2020        Rec 'd Certificate of Permission Application for Seawall Repairs for 7 Meadow Place in Old Greenwich. Engineer Race Coastal

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

Bernard Armstrong reported on current status and 4 applications. The commission voted "no objections" to three applications. 112 Water Street, 28 West Way in Old Greenwich, and the Cos Cob Kelp Farm. Gibbons made motion. McKee seconded, Vote was unanimous The "dock and lift" application for 41 Meadowbank Rd was tabled until the March meeting pending a site visit by the Shellfish commission.

Full dock report is included in these minutes.

**8. Harbormaster Liaison Report**

Bill Ingraham reported Harbormaster is well and wants to put boat in water.

**9. Unfinished Business**

- a. Status of Potential Dredge of Greenwich Cove  
Brian Kerzner reported he waiting for DEEP to follow up.
- b. Status of "No Wake" Zone  
Bill Ingraham reported he is waiting for approval DEEP to place "No Wake Zones".

**c. Blue Plan Update**

Geoff Steadman reported the Environmental Committee of the Legislature is holding a meeting on Friday and Geoff will forward comments from Harbor Management Commission. Lile Gibbons stated how important it was for the HMC to get its comments on this documented and sent to the Blue Plan committee before next Friday's hearing.

**d. Harbormaster Search**

Lile Gibbons reported the Harbormaster Application information has been posted on the website and to date no applications have been received.

**10. New Business**

None

**11. Public Comment**

None

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Lile Gibbon to adjourn. Motion carried (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 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.