FINAL

Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Meeting
February 19, 2020
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

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:
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 it policy on this. Lile Gibbons commended Mr. Mazza for bring 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 outs. 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**

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

Michael Van Oss
Chairman

Bernard Armstrong
Secretary

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