



## HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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Bernard Armstrong, Chairman  
Mike Van Oss, Vice Chairman  
Lile Gibbons, Secretary

March 15, 2023

### Commissioners Present

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman  
Mike Van Oss, vice-Chairman  
Lile Gibbons, Secretary  
Beth Forbes  
Ty Anderson  
Ed Keller  
Skip Parker

### Others Present

Paul Cappiali, Harbormaster  
Geoff Steadman, HMC consultant  
Janet McGuigan, BOS  
Sue Baker, Shellfish Commission  
Kris Shockley, Marine Police  
Brian Kerzner, P&R  
Jenny Larkin, IT  
Joe Benoit, RTM

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:02 p.m.
2. Ty Anderson moved to approve the minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Lile Gibbons seconded.  
Approved unanimously.
3. Chairman's report  
The Chairman reported that Bill Ingraham has resigned from the Harbor Commission and Fridolf Hanson has decided not to stay on for a second term. The Chairman thanked them both for their service. With a vacancy on the full commission, the Chairman appointed Ed Keller to a voting member for tonight and will ask the BOE to make him a permanent voting member. The Commission is now looking for two new members. Ed Keller will be the new Chairman of the Mooring Committee and Joe Benoit will be a member of this committee.
4. Mooring Committee  
The first meeting was held February 1. The committee began a review of the by-laws. There will be two meetings/annually. Minutes will be taken. They had a preliminary discussion of mooring fees which may be raised in 2024. To date 70 moorings have been renewed. Seven mooring holders who have not paid their fees have been identified. \$9,000 has been received which is not yet reflected in the finance report.  
There are five mooring vendors listed on the website. One has sent in his insurance and the others should do so this coming month.
5. Harbor Master Report (see attached)

The Harbormaster continues his dialogue with the owner of the barge attached to the Mianus River bridge.

The GHS internship was approved March 13. The intern will attend the April HC meeting.

The Skipper II will be ready for launching in April. Discussion over whether Harbormaster should be painted on the boat for identification of the Harbormaster. The vessel belongs to the HMC and controls usage of the boat, not the Harbormaster. Lile Gibbons moved that Harbormaster be painted on the boat; Mike van Oss seconded. Unanimous.

6. Ethics report

The issue of possible conflict with a mooring permittee and one of the mooring vendors has been resolved.

The other issue of a boat mooring incorrectly has also been resolved.

7. Finance Committee

The YTD mooring revenues will be posted. Ty Anderson and Ed Keller will discuss increasing mooring fees for the 2024 boating season.

8. Application Review committee

a. 7 Little Cove Lane

The HMC comments on this application will be sent to DEEP stating the inconsistency of the application with the HM plan due to a potential conflict with the littoral rights of the neighbors. DEEP is aware of this issue. They must agree to the application in order for DEEP to approve the permit.

b. 136 North Water Street

The applicant is asking DEEP to retroactively approve the repairs to the sea wall which was damaged during Hurricane Ida. The repairs would be approved once the application was sent in as there is no adverse impact on navigation with the new sea wall. Discussion on whether an after-the-fact approval sets a precedent for others to make unpermitted repairs and ask for permission later. In this case DEEP will not issue a fine as the permit application is within DEEP's criteria for an extension.

c. 2 Light House Lane

Upon review, the commission would like to see the neighbors littoral lines drawn on the application and hear from the shellfish commission. 8 and 10 Lighthouse Lane also in the process of submitting a dock application.

d. 23 Smith Road

The permit application shows the dock will extend 5 feet further into the setbacks of the federal anchorage and will have a greater footprint than the existing dock. This a very active boating channel. Consensus is the Commission will not approve the application as it is inconsistent with our harbor management plan.

9. Legislative action –HB 5614

The purpose of the bill is to allow harbor commissions to have legal authority to make recommendations on applications for docks, piers, hardscape in the harbors. DEEP spoke against the bill saying unless a harbor management plan specifically states the application is contrary to a specific in the plan, a recommendation from the commission is not valid. We argue that with 26 miles of waterfront, it is impossible to comment on each foot of the shoreline with a unique set of rules. The whole purpose of the 1983 harbor management legislation was to give

more authority to local harbor commissions who knew their locals better than a state entity. It will be necessary to educate individual legislators as to the purpose of the bill.

10. Old Business

a. Greenwich harbor Dredge project

Congressman Jim Himes' office has indicated the Federal Government will approve \$500,000 for the soil testing which is a first step in the dredging of Greenwich Harbor.

11. New Business

Joe Labuzetta has left Indian Harbor and will no longer be the club's representative to the Harbor Commission. Mike Fiore has taken his place for tonight.

12. Meeting adjourned by 7:21 p.m. motion made by Bernie Armstrong. Seconded by Beth Forbes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

Lile Gibbons, Secretary



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Here's the Zoom link:

**Meeting Notice**  
**Harbor Management Commission**

**March 15, 2023 Agenda 6:00 P.M.**

**Via Zoom Conference only**

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1. 1) Call to Order
2. 2) Approval of Minutes for Feb 15
3. 3) Chairman's Report
4. 4) Mooring Chairman Report
5. 5) Harbor Master Report
6. 6) Ethics Committee Report

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7. 7) Finance Committee F2023 Budget (Anderson)
8. 8) Applications Review Committee Report (Beth Forbes, Ty Anderson)
  - a. 7 Little Cove Place
  - b. 136 North Water St
9. 9) Water Hazards Committee Report (Skip Parker), Cappiali
10. 10) State legislative changes Lile Gibbons/Geoff Steadman

11) Old Business

a. Grass Island Dredge/ACOE Status (McGuigan)

New Business  
12) Public Comment 13) Adjournment

N.B Jenny Larkin (ZOOM Technical Support) will provide the technical for this ZOOM meeting. Room option deleted.

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

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## Harbor Master Greenwich, CT

Harbor Master Report for the March 15, 2023 Harbor Management Commission Meeting

- Lobster Trap floats
  - Supplemental Environmental Grant continues.
  - Assurance of cooperation from float owners continues.
  - I was contacted by a local State Representative concerned with the floats and their environmental impact as well as their navigable hazards. I updated the Representative.
- Internship with Harbor Master via Greenwich High Schools Senior Internship Program  
The internship was approved by Greenwich High School on March 13, 2023. I look forward to working with Ted Walsh and hope that everyone will welcome him at our April Meeting.
- I have spoken to Catalano's regarding the Motor Vessel Skipper II and its readiness for launch on or by April 15, 2023 (as dictated in the Harbor Management Plan).
- I have been working with the members of the Mooring committee and look forward to a well-run and effective committee.

Paul Cappiali Greenwich Harbormaster