Harbor Management Commission Sub-Committee –approved 5/18/15
Session 7, March 31, 2015
Gisborne Room, Town Hall

Attending:  Lile Gibbons, Sub-committee Chair
Frank Mazza, Harbor Commission Chair
Ian Macmillan, Town Harbor Master
Geoffrey Steadman of Westport, CT, town-hired consultant

The meeting commenced in the Gisborne room in Greenwich Town Hall at 6:05 PM on March 31, 2015.  As no quorum was present, we did not approve the minutes of the previous sub-committee meeting, on March 10th and took no votes.

Those present went over the combined chapters 5 and 6 (now referred to as Chapter 5) of the Harbor Management Plan.  Peter Quigley and Jim Bonney had emailed comments which were reviewed by those present and Mr. Steadman took notes.

There was general discussion on the differences between Federal laws, State policies and DEEP regulations as well as Town of Greenwich ordinances (as referenced in Section 7A of the Town Code).  Mr. Mazza said he had been in conversation with town counsel as to the need and procedure for revising the Town Code.

Topics discussed included: concerns about wake speed in the harbors vs. a stated speed; carrying capacity of the GHA; maintenance of coastal resiliency (effect on waterfront owners), harbor icing and which entity is in charge of keeping the harbors free of ice; the need for a Finance committee to review annual and capital budgets of the HMC, procedure for removal of abandoned vessels in the GHA; dredging both Federal, (i.e., for public waterfront) and non-federal (privately commissioned by commercial and residential homeowners and the private yacht clubs), set-back distances for proposed structures from the waterfront, the need for increased publicity on safe boating procedures; the effects of new development of storm water discharges into the sound and how construction affects water surface quality; location and placement of mooring tackle; construction and removal of public and private floats, docks and piers, recognizing and protection littoral rights of homeowners.

Adjournment made at 7:50 p.m. by Frank Mazza, seconded by Lile Gibbons.