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Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission Meeting
April 15, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Zoom Meeting

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

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Sue Baker, Conservation Commission
Lt. Jim Bonney, Police Department
Brian Kerzner, Department of Parks & Recreation
Roger Bowgen, Shellfish Commission
Joel LaBuzetta, HHYC

Absent:

Katie DeLuca, P & Z
Rick Loh, Board of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan, Harbormaster
Jill Oberlander, Board of Selectmen
Skip Parker, Alt
Joseph Benoit, R.T.M
Jill Oberlander

Consultant in Attendance:

Jeffery Steadman
Joanna Giorno

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 February 19th 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the **February 19th**, 2020 Regular Meeting with update of 2020 typo corrected by Bernie Armstrong and motion seconded by Lile Gibbons,. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. Chairman's Report

Greenwich Harbor Management Commission Chairman's Report

There has been no new activity for Greenwich Harbor Dredge project due to current COVID 19 situation. 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. 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 stated that we do not have a policy for abandoned moorings however need to draft a plan. Bill Ingraham reported that 135 mooring renewals have come in and 50% have been sent stickers. Bill thanked Joanna for her great job with this.

Brief discussion initiated by Mike Van Oss about residents and guest ability regarding access. HMC will allow boaters to use dinghies or inflatable watercraft to access their vessels.

5. Application Review Committee Report

4/15/20 HMC Meeting

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angiolillo

Chairman Armstrong made the following report

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

7 new Business Items for review at the 4/15/20 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. 3/15/20 Shellfish has not objection to this project. The commission had no objection to this submission.

2/20/20 Sugar Kelp Aquaculture Project. Sponsor Dan Maggio. This was tabled pending receipt of a properly completed application. Chairman is to contact the applicant.

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. Tabled pending Shellfish site visit

2/25/2020 Rec'd LWRD License Application for 207 Byram Shore Road to build a 4/40 dock. John Hilts Engineer. The commission had no objection to this application.

3/8/2020 Rec'd Certificate of Permission Application for Seawall Repairs for 7 Meadow Place in Old Greenwich. Engineer Race Coastal

3/13/20 Rec'd a LWRD License Application for 21 East Point Lane, Old Greenwich to install a 3'x33' aluminum ramp and an 8'x12.6' timber floating dock. Commission had no objection to this application.

3/20/20 Rec'd Pre-Submission Consultation Form for 7 Meadow Place, Old Greenwich., to extend the 50 ft pier, add gangway and timber floating dock. Engineer, Jill Pietropaolo, Race Coastal. Rec'd Shellfish signoff for same.

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

7b. 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 several applications have been received. Casey Mc Kee suggested we cast a wider net. Lile also reported that she has notified all local boat and yacht clubs as to interest in the position. Where possible online interviews would be held in May.

5. Lile Gibbons reported that Governor Lamont supports recreational boating but only 5 people (single family) on a boat and no raft ups.

6. James Bonney reported that the Marine Police are still running on a winter schedule.

7. Joel Labuzetta (IHYC) reported that red nun 8 broker loose. It was retrieved by IHYC and the Coast Guard had been notified.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM

Michael Van Oss
Chairman

Bernard Armstrong
Secretary

Joanna Giornon assisted the
Secretary in the preparation of
these minutes.