

FINAL

**Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Meeting
April 17, 2019
6:00 P.M.
Mazza Room, Town Hall**

Minutes

Members in attendance:

Bruce Angiolillo	Chairman
Lile Gibbons	Vice Chairman
Mike Van Oss	Secretary
Bernard Armstrong	
Bill Ingraham	
Frank Mazza	

Absent:

Don Carlson

Alternates:

Absent:

Casey McKee
David Noble, resigned

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Sue Baker	Conservation Commission
Joseph Benoit	R.T.M.
Roger Bowgen	Shellfish Commission
Brian Kerzner	Department of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan	Harbormaster

Absent:

James Bonney	Police Department Marine Division
Rick Loh	Board of Parks & Recreation
John Toner	Board of Selectmen

Consultant in Attendance:

Geoffrey Steadman

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Angiolillo**
- 2. Election of Officers**

Chairman Bruce Angiolillo announced that he declined re-nomination for the position of Chairman of the Harbor Management Commission.

Bernie Armstrong nominated Mike Van Oss for the position of Chairman, seconded by Lile Gibbons. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Frank Mazza commended and thanked Bruce Angiolillo for his service as Chairman of the Harbor Management Commission.

Mike Van Oss thanked fellow HMC Members for their support.

Bruce Angiolillo nominated Lile Gibbons for the position of Vice Chairman, seconded by Bill Ingraham. Motion carried. Unanimous.

Lile Gibbons nominated Bernie Armstrong for the position of Secretary, seconded by Bruce Angiolillo. Motion carried. Unanimous.

- 3. Approval of Minutes of the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting by Frank Mazza, seconded by Bruce Angiolillo. Motion carried (Unanimous).

- 4. Chairman's Report**

Bruce Angiolillo commented that over the last few years while we didn't always see eye-to-eye, we resolved problems. Bruce asked members of the Harbor Management Commission to give Mike Van Oss the same support they have given him over the past few years.

- 5. Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project Planning Update**

Frank Mazza reported he is in the process of setting up meetings. Frank and Geoff Steadman are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine the placement of disposed material which Mr. Steadman emphasized was a

big issue. Mr. Steadman displayed a large color photograph of Greenwich Harbor.

6. Finance Committee Report

Frank Mazza reported the budget for the next year has been approved by the BET. It is \$59,000 and will be a small part of the Town's \$500 million budget
\$2,000,000. for Federal Dredge Project has been moved from BET to the RTM.

7. Mooring Committee Report

Mike Van Oss reported \$34,000 In mooring fees has been collected so far this year (vs. \$5,000 in prior year) which also reflects delinquent payments for 2017 & 2018.

Bill Ingraham commented the plan is finally starting to work.

8. Application Review Committee Report

See attached report by Bernie Armstrong

9. Long Range Planning Committee Report

Don Carlson absent. No report.

10. Harbormaster Liaison Report

Chairman Mike Van Oss asked Harbormaster Ian MacMillan to sign rules and regulations for use of Harbormaster boat. Ian MacMillan agreed to comply with same.

Bruce Angiolillo reported that since 2016 HMC entered into process and drafted regulations. Harbormaster agreed to these regulations and the HMC adopted same. The Harbormaster has not followed these rules.

At a meeting in 2017 Ian MacMillan signed same and agreed to comply, but has failed to do so.

Again in 2018 the Harbormaster failed to produce any log and failed to comply with regulations.

Bruce expressed his hope that the Harbormaster will comply in 2019.

Chairman Van Oss requested that the Harbormaster provide monthly report prior to HMC meeting. Bernie Armstrong re-emphasized to the Harbor

Master how important it was to get his report in the Monday before the meeting.

11. Unfinished Business -

- a. **Status of potential dredge of Greenwich Cove entrance channel**
Brian Kerzner reported Park/Rec is working on dredge for Greenwich Cove and trying to locate spot for disposition of material.
- b. Bill Ingraham reported DEEP has approved Speed Buoys and will be responding to check the area for placement of same.

12. New Business

Bill Ingraham suggested that the Commission look at the number of moorings permitted in the area of Captain's Island.
Frank Mazza suggested limiting moorings to the present number.

Geoff Steadman reported a meeting for public comment on the Long Island Sound Blue Plan will be held on April 29.
DEEP wants opportunity to express views.

Brian Kerzner was asked to look into what would be involved in dredging the cove around the OGYC docks and report back on that at the May meeting

13. Public Comment

Peter Thalheim expressed his concern about the amount of mulch flowing in to drains and rivers after heavy rain. Mr. Thalheim stated Building Department requirements are causing a silt problem and asked the HMC members to take a look around Town after a heavy rain.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Lile Gibbons.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Mike Van Oss
Chairman

Bernard Armstrong
Secretary

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

Application Review Committee Report**4/17/19 HMC Meeting****Bernard Armstrong, Chairman****Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angilillo****Finished business****No permit authorizations received in past 30 days****12 Open Items (pending DEEP action)**

1. Marache Dock Request for public hearing received by DEEP which conducted a Status Meeting including representatives of the HMC in Hartford on May 22, 2018. This was a preliminary meeting to a site visit and pre-hearing conference to be held in Greenwich on August 8, 2018 and a public meeting to be held in Greenwich on September 13, 2018.

6/6/18 received a petition of Intervention by Susan Cohen

6/13/18 received an Objection to the above petition of Intervention

6/15/18 received Susan Cohen's response to the above Objection.

8/8/18 DEEP and HMC site visit/ and 9/13/18 Public Hearing

9/24-26 DEEP Major Hearing in Hartford. Steadman and Armstrong attended.

11/9/18 received DEEP notification that a permit to build dock has been issued

11/9/18 received Post Hearing memorandum from Bruce Cohen.

11/9/18 received Post Hearing memorandum from John Casey (attorney for Marache)

This is all preliminary to the Hearing Officer making his ruling on the matter expected later this month. This can then be appealed to the DEEP Commissioner.

3/8/19 Rec'd Intervening Party's Exception to Proposed Final Decision and Request for Oral Argument for Application No. 2015-02692.

2. Eversource The HMC has deferred a review of this request until such time that the Town's petition to revise the Siting Council's decision is resolved.

4. Oneida Indian Harbor, LLC

5/11/18 Received a Certificate of Permission Application for substantial maintenance of existing waterfront structures, including a pier, gangway, floating dock, and pier foundation at 60 Oneida Drive, Greenwich. This application is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the existing, unpermitted structures pre-date the Harbor Management Plan and do not have an adverse impact on coastal resources, including shellfish resources. Sent 6/26/18 Draft Certificate of Permission Application letter to DEEP.

5. 6/8/18 Rec'd Certificate of Permission application by Quatro Partners for 5 Meadow Place to retain and maintain an existing seawall and pier. Committee agreed that application is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Pending DEEP approval.
6. 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.
7. 12/18/18 Rec'd DEEP Permit Consultation Form for 30 Oneida Drive, Greenwich (on Smith Cove) to build a new 4'x 55' fixed steel pier. The pier will contain a 10'x10' pier head and a kayak lift for safe access to GHA waters. Engineer Sleicher. Concerns: Heavy Spartina grass and tidal mud area. HMC Letter sent 2/22/19 with no objection to this application.
8. Rec'd Residential Dock Application for 8 Eggleston Lane in Old Greenwich to install a new 4/40 dock in Greenwich Cove. Engineer Bajek. The closest vegetation is 10 ft. The dock will be located downstream of the proposed Marache and presents no obvious navigational issues. Recommended position. The Harbor Commission has no objection to proceeding with this permit application. HMC letter sent 2/22/19
9. 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 not objection to proceeding with this permit application and finds this proposed activity consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Letter sent 2/22/19
10. DEEP posted a Public Notice Hearing for 4 Indian Drive. The HMC had no objection to this application and sent letter on 2/28/19.
11. 3/15/19 DEEP posted a Notice of Tentative Determination to approve structures, dredging & fill and tidal wetlands and to waive Public Hearings to replace the Oneida Drive Bridge over Smith Cove. It should be noted that this application was filed prior to October 2017 and did not come before the HMC. Application # 201711080-SDFTWQ filed by Greenwich
12. 2/13/19 Rec'd Application for Certificate of Permission for Seawall Repair and Reconstruction at 20 East Point Lane. Engineer Chris Eggers. Commissioner Armstrong completed a site visit on 2/18/19 and recommends "no objection to this application". DEEP notified by letter on 3/27/19.
- 13 Rec'd DEEP Permit Consultation form to replace an existing pier, ramp and float on Wee Captain Island. Engineer Hilts. Shellfish has determined it will have no adverse impact on shellfish areas. Recommended position. The Harbor Commission has no objection to proceeding with this permit application. Signed application sent to John Hilts.

New Business

2 items be reviewed and voted on at the 4/17/19 HMC Meeting

- 2/28/19 Rec'd DEEP Permit Consultation Form for Belle Haven Club in Greenwich to dredge and expand its marina area. Steve at Race Coastal in the project engineer. Rec'd Shellfish Commission Determination for this project dated 3/29/17 that it has no objection. Recommend that the HMC has no objection to this application.

4/15/19 Rec'd DEEP License 201711080-SDFTWQ to replace the Oneida Drive Bridge (over Smith Cove) for Public Transportation. This involves structures, dredging & fill and Tidal Wetlands permits. DEEP is seeking public comments by 4/24/19 and the HMC will submit comments as discussed at its 4/17/19 meeting. See photo. Town Engineer James Michel.



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

2018 Harbor Master vessel log

Item #10

DATE	ENGINE HOURS	TASK	TIME	COMMENT
4/8/18	428	prep vessel		bilge pump runs on & off
4/14/18	429	fuel, sea trials		
4/28/18	431,432,435	prep harbor	talk with shell fishermen about moorings	
5/9/18		cleaned consol, ck lights charged batteries		
5/11/18	436	speed,depth,hose, down,pickup hook		
5/16/18 thru 6/20/18, prep for TOG party on 5/26/18				
5/25/18	437	locate mooring at OGYC		
5/29/18	451,452	recover 4 sunk buoys		
6/9/18 thru 6/11/18, haul out, empty, power wash, replace prop, change stern light, vacuum, launched, back in slip, w/ Ray Brody				
6/12/18	454	locations in Hinckley park		
6/16/18	454 to 459	fueled at IHYC, RYC, ID moorings in cove, patrol		
7/11/18	464	drop off & pick up from catalanos		
7/16/18	466	with werner		
10/5/18	468,469	check moorings		
10/19/18	469-470	change prop	1 hour	last of the spare props

Sea trial, still a light vibration boat does 28 knots, patrol to cove & Great Capt.

The above is the hours of engine use. It should be noted that the boat was not seaworthy until 4/15/18. The boat was not available from November 1st 2018 on.

The best time for use of the HM vessel is during the spring and fall when boats are not on their moorings. The fall is the best time as the water is still warm.

Ian Macmillan

Harbor Master