Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Meeting
April 18, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Mazza Room, Town Hall

Minutes

Members in attendance:
Lile Gibbons Vice Chairman
Mike Van Oss Secretary
Bernard Armstrong
Don Carlson
Bill Ingraham
Frank Mazza

Absent:
Bruce Angiolillo Chairman

Alternates:
Casey McKee
Dave Noble

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:
Sue Baker Conservation Commission
Joseph Benoit R.T.M.
Jim Bonney Police Department
Brian Kerzner Department of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan Harbormaster
John Toner Board of Selectmen

Absent:
Roger Bowgen Shellfish Commission
Katie DeLuca Planning & Zoning Commission
Rick Loh Board of Parks & Recreation
Consultant in Attendance:
Geoffrey Steadman

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Vice Chairman Lile Gibbons**

   Lile Gibbons announced that Bruce Angiolillo was absent and she would chair the meeting. She asked Casey McKee to be the voting member for the meeting in Mr. Angiolillo's absence. She announced the RTM had confirmed David Noble as a new HMC alternate member; Don Carlson as a voting member; Frank Mazza and Mike Van Oss for second terms; and congratulated them all. She introduced Joe Benoit as the new RTM ex-officio representative to the HMC.

2. **Election of Officers**

   Bernie Armstrong made a motion to nominate Bruce Angiolillo as Chairman. Seconded by Frank Mazza. There being no other nominations, the vote was taken. Motion carried (Unanimous).

   Motion made by Frank Mazza, seconded by Bernie Armstrong to nominate Lile Gibbons as Vice Chairman. Motion carried (Unanimous).

   Motion made by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Casey McKee to nominate Mike Van Oss as Secretary. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. **Approval of Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting**

   Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2018 Meeting by Frank Mazza, seconded by Bernie Armstrong. Motion carried (Unanimous).

4. **Chairman’s Report**

   Vice Chairman Gibbons reported that she and Frank Mazza attended the recent Long Island Sound Blue Plan meeting in New Haven. The purpose of the meeting was to announce the status of an inventory of the natural resources and human uses in Long Island Sound (such as permitted mooring fields, clam shell beds, etc.) to better advocate for or against proposed projects in the Sound (e.g., underwater cable lines, a bridge connecting Connecticut to Long Island). When asked how the Blue Plan would affect local harbor management plans, the response was that the Blue Plan was strictly an inventory and would not supplement existing local mandates and local HM plans. Many questions to be answered in the future.
Chairman Gibbons asked Harbormaster MacMillan if he had received the notice of a Harbormasters’ meeting in New London on May 5th. Mr. MacMillan replied in the affirmative and said he would attend. When asked if a representative from the HMC would also attend, Mr. MacMillan stated that only Harbormasters and Deputy Harbormasters were invited.

5. Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project Planning Update

Frank Mazza reported on the Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project. He reported that a “memo for the record” of the meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers had been received from Coral Siligato, project manager for the Corps outlining the steps the Corps will take and advising what steps are to be taken by the Harbor Management Commission. Mr. Mazza further advised that a first estimate for work to dredge Greenwich Harbor has been received from RACE and a formal presentation will be made at a future HMC meeting.

Mr. Mazza said there is still an encroachment on the Federal Navigation Channel in Greenwich Harbor which would have to be removed prior to dredging. Question as to whether it is up to the Harbormaster to see to the removal of this dock extension. DEEP is aware of the issue and for now should initiate the conversation with the Delamar Hotel for its removal.

6. Finance Committee Report and Approval of 2018-2019 Budget

Frank Mazza attended the BET Budget Committee meeting on April 17. The HMC budget was unanimously approved by the Committee. The full BET will take up the budget at its meeting on April 22.

7. Mooring Committee Report

Mike Van Oss reported renewals are progressing. All payments received have been recorded and deposited. 72 mooring fees paid to date. Emails for renewals sent out by mooringinfo.com. Another 160 mooring holders from 2017 were sent snail mail applications. Also, 80 lunch hook applications were sent. Next week, Messrs. Van Oss, McKee and Harbormaster McMillan will meet to go over the mooring applications and make sure all info from all sources has been uploaded online to mooringinfo.com.

8. Application Review Committee Report

Bernie Armstrong delivered the following report.
Finished business

1. Atlantic Clam Farms DEEP License #201710186 issued 4/6/18 by Krista Romero

Atlantic Clam has received approval from DEEP to install and administer a kelp bed off Great Captain's Island. Discussion followed as to the nature of the kelp bed. Susie Baker reported that kelp lines are installed in November and removed in April, kelp being a winter crop. The lines are some 40 feet below the surface and will not hinder local navigation.

Open Items

2. 94FPCLLC Public Comment period expired 4/5/18. DEEP permit decision pending.
4. 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.
5. Cos Cob Dock DEEP Certificate of Permission pending.

New Business

1. 21 Shorehame Club Road LLC

3/28/18 Received a DEEP Permit Consultation Form to repair and extend its float. The current float is 10x10. The plan calls for "repair and extend" to a 10x16 wooden float. The HMC has no objection to the plans being included in a permit application to the DEEP and the HMC reserves its right to make a final determination of the proposal's consistency with the Harbor Management Plan, at such time, as the DEEP issues a public notice or a public hearing is held.

2. Belle Haven Club

4/13/18 Received a Certificate of Permission Application from the Belle Haven Club to replace an existing boat ramp. The work would take place at 100 Harbor Drive, Greenwich, CT. This project is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and is necessary to maintain the viability of an existing water-dependent use.

3. WH House LLC

4/16/18 WH House LLC (109 Byram Shore Road) filed a Certification of Permission Application Form proposing to retain unauthorized davit and platform installed during reconstruction of pier. The HMC has considered
the applicant's proposal and agreed to find the proposal consistent with the Harbor Management Plan provided the following comment is considered and addressed by the DEEP and Applicant.

Comment: It is a policy of the Harbor Management Plan that any unpermitted work waterward of the high tide line in the GHA shall be considered an unauthorized encroachment to be eliminated or otherwise corrected in accordance with Town, state, and federal laws, regulations, and ordinances. The plan discourages after-the-fact authorizations for encroachments, determined to have occurred after October 23, 2017 effective date of the plan unless these are compelling, clearly demonstrated reasons for doing so. The HMC understands that Applicant's unauthorized coastal structure pre-dates the Plan.

No other permit actions were received by the HMC affecting the GHA since the March 28th meeting.

9. **Long Range Planning**

   No report.

10. **Harbormaster & Harbormaster Liaison Report**

    Nothing happening at this time.

11. **Unfinished Business**

    a. The 2018 GHMC boating brochure is in the design shop. Mr. Ingraham hopes to have it ready by the May meeting.

    b. Meeting regarding rowing activities on the Mianus River. Jim Bonney and Ian MacMillan announced the meeting took place Tuesday (4/17) night and was attended by many participants in the Mianus Rowing community, a representative from DEEP and the U. S. Coast Guard. Everyone was aware of the congestion and possible conflicts with so many boats vying for the same space. The problem increases at low tide when there is limited water not only for the rowers and chase boats, but also for those boaters trying to exit from the boat docks, clubs and marinas in the Mianus River. A long discussion ensued as to possible remedies to avoid a major accident. Marking the boats, oars and rowers with insignias from their rowing clubs would help identify those boats (including chase boats) which are causing problems. Without actual laws on wakes, speeds, etc. it is not possible for the Marine Police to issue citations, but a phone call to those causing problems would help. While the meeting was cordial, no action was taken. It was decided that further conversation would be useful to
monitor the situation and remind the rowing clubs of the need for cautionary tactics in the rowing lanes.

c. Mr. Kerzner reported that the Cos Cob public boat ramp has been fixed and now installed.

12. **New Business**

Mr. Mazza reported that members of the Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club at Grass Island were finding it increasingly difficult to exit the harbor from their slips due both to moorings in and around Grass Island and the increased siltation off the island. Some discussion followed as to the best exit route for these boaters. Mr. Mazza suggested it would be useful for Mike Curley, the Commodore of Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club, to discuss alternative routes with Chairman Angiolillo. It was also mentioned that because of the increased siltation in this area, it would be reasonable to ask the Army Corps to add this area to the proposed dredging plan.

A recommendation was offered that the Harbormaster, Mooring Committee and Commodore of Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club meet to discuss the situation.

Brian Kerzner introduced Amy Hansen, new Operations Manager for the Department of Parks & Recreation.

13. **Public Comment**

None.

14. **Adjournment**

Motion by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Mike Van Oss to adjourn. Motion carried, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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Bruce Angiolillo  
Chairman

Mike Van Oss  
Secretary

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