



HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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

HMC minutes of May 17, 2023
Hybrid meeting: Online and at Town Hall-Mazza Room

Commissioners Present

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

Others Present

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

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 6:09 p.m. The meeting was hybrid at Town Hall and on zoom. Chairman Armstrong moved Ed Keller to voting status.
2. Bernie Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of April 19th. Lile Gibbons seconded. With a few minor edits suggested by Lile Gibbons, the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Chairman's report-combined with (6). Office staffing report
 - a. Until a new assistant has been hired, Jenny Larkin will continue to work in this position 5 days/week, Mon-Fri, 8:30-12:30. Jenny is working to get the mooring records up-to-date.
4. Mooring Committee—Ed Keller

No mooring committee meeting this past month. Ed Keller confirmed there will be there three meetings a year and the minutes will be posted on the web site.

Making progress in sorting out past mooring records. Jenny Larkin sent emails to 160 people from Lynx log to update their payment records. She took people off the list who no longer have a boat. The wait list is current—no wait list except for Captain's Island. In the process of obtaining GPS coordinates from all the vendors for moorings.
5. Harbor Master Report –Paul Cappiali (see attached)

7. Finance Report- Ty Anderson
 - 300 moorings paid in April (\$41,000)
 - Need Geoff Steadman's invoice by June 30
 - \$20,000 set aside for lobster trap removal expires June 30.
8. Application Review committee- Beth Forbes
 - a. New application for 655 Steamboat Road. COP for existing sea wall repairs.
Reinforcement to existing wall. It is consistent with the HM plan. The wall is not permitted but since it predates 1939, it is grandfathered.
 - b. 7 Little Cove Lane, Old Greenwich The HMC directed the neighbor to contact DEEP directly with concerns. DEEP sent a letter to the applicant that current plan does not allow for sufficient littoral rights to neighbor (which HMC had noted). Applicant has 30 days to respond or application will be rejected.
 - c. 10 South End Court, Old Greenwich.
Owner applied for a permit to build a dock in June 2020 which DEEP approved in November, 2020. Dock never built and now applicant asking HMC to sign off in writing. Any additional in-water work will require new permitting.
9. State legislative changes.
Mayors of New London and Stamford testified in Hartford before the Environment Committee on the bill regarding DEEP/s authority VS. local HMCs. Legislators listened and contents of bill may still be inserted into another bill before the Legislature adjourns June 7th.
10. Long Island Coastal Survey—no report
11. Old Business
 - a. Grass Island Dredge—Chairman Armstrong asked Selectman McGuigan if she would contact USACE and ask for an action time table.
Planning for cad cells to be coordinated with the Port Authority on a state survey on cad cells.
 - b. Water Hazards Committee
DEEP about to issue a letter for removal for the barge and pots in the Mianus River. If owner doesn't comply, what next for the HMC. Harbormaster Cappiali has offered owner help in relocating and unloading the lobster pots. Both the Town's legal department and the BOS are asking for a chronology review before they release the \$20,000 currently in the budget. The estimated price for removal is \$60,000, the other \$40,000 coming from a special fund within DEEP. About 800 lobster pots, estimated value of at least \$20/pot which would be returned to the town to offset the \$20,000. MOTION: The HMC recognized the floating lobster traps/barge in the Cos Cob Harbor are in violation of the HM's plan and are a hazard to the state's environmental laws and ordinances and the owner shall be held responsible for the removal of traps. The Commission will pursue all available means to insure this removal including using local and state funds in

accordance with state laws. Sip Parker moved. Ty Anderson seconded.
Unanimous.

c. Ethics report

The town Ethics Committee has asked for a set of standards of operation that all vendors acknowledge and sign off. They are not town agents so must adhere to the HMC Mooring committee rules. Mooring vendors must be approved annually.

d. Captain's Island Speed Buoys

Brian Kerzner reported that 5 of the 6 buoys have been installed. The 6th went missing in a winter storm and a replacement is in the works. The coordinates of the buoys placements have been adjusted to reflect actual positioning.

12. Public Comment

Peter Quigley made three comments:

1. He approved we were using Lynx log;
2. Dredging is a long term issue;
3. Suggest the HMC start an Enterprise Fund to finance future expenses such as dredging.

13. Adjournment

Ty Anderson moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Mike vanOss seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Armstrong, Chairman

Lile Gibbons, Secretary



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**Meeting Notice
Harbor Management Commission May 17, 2023 Agenda
6:00 P.M.
Mazza Room Only- NO ZOOM**

1. Call to Order Chairman Armstrong
2. Approval of Minutes for April 19th

3. Chairman's Report
4. Mooring Chairman Report
5. Harbor Master Report
6. Office Staffing

7. Finance Committee F2023 Budget (Anderson)
8. Applications Review Committee Report (Beth Forbes, Ty Anderson)
 - a. 655 Steamboat COPP
 - b. Others TBD

9. State legislative changes Lile Gibbons/Geoff Steadman
10. Long Island Coastal Survey Roger Bowgen

11) Old Business

1. Grass Island Dredge/ACOE Status (McGuigan)
2. Water Hazards Committee Report (Skip Parker), Paul Cappiali
3. Captain Harbor Speed Buoy Deployment Brian Kerzner

New Business

12) Public Comment

13) Adjournment

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

The Town complies with all applicable federal and state laws regarding non-discrimination, equal opportunity, affirmative action, and providing reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. If you require an accommodation to participate, please contact the Commissioner of Human Services at 203-622-3800 .Alan Barry was replaced by Demetria Nelson demetria.nelson@greenwichct.org.



**Harbor Master
Greenwich, CT**

Harbor Master Report for the May 17, 2023 Harbor Management Commission Meeting

- The last two weeks of April were dedicated, almost entirely, to the Harbor Management Office permit process. Jenny Larkin and I had multiple calls with Lynx-Log to get us up to speed in areas that had gone unattended since its inception. Fortunately, Jenny has, and continues to do an amazing job at reconstructing a digital platform from a mostly analog one. I believe that we will come out of this with a better, more efficient, and healthier office.
- Motor Vessel Skipper II was pulled out of the water last night (5/16) for its facelift. See below for image (rendering). The Vessel will be relaunched this evening (5/17).



- We have processed one of the two mooring venders that were seeking to operate in Greenwich Harbors. The vendor list has been amended to reflect the new vendor.
- I have continued to stay in contact with Scot Weicker making myself and our office available to him for anything he may need related to the Greenwich Town Party. Only Lile replied with confirmation that she would be marching in the parade with me. I offered to Scott that we opt-out if he preferred but he said that one of his favorite people of all-time was Lile and he was looking forward to the two-person representation from the HMC.
- The lobster trap barges are becoming a very serious concern for DEEP and I have been advised that an “order” from the state to the owners is pending. I have been warned that if no action is taken by the owners there will be a second order to me (Harbor Master) demanding that I (Harbor Master) facilitate their immediate removal.

Paul Cappiali
Greenwich Harbormaster