Harbor Management Commission Sub-Committee draft minutes  
Session 9, May 18, 2015  
Gisborne Room, Town Hall—5:00 p.m.

Attending:  
Lile Gibbons, Sub-committee Chair  
Steve Kinner, Harbor Commission member  
Frank Mazza, Harbor Commission Chair  
Bernard Armstrong, Harbor Commission Alternate  
Ian Macmillan, Harbor Master, Town of Greenwich  
Geoffrey Steadman of Westport, CT, town-hired consultant

The meeting commenced in the Gisborne room in Greenwich Town Hall at 5:10 p.m. on May 18th. The minutes of March 10th and March 31st were approved as written. The minutes of April 29th were also approved with minor changes, duly noted. (Under the issues attachment: Bullet 1, the primary agent to authorize commercial moorings is the Army Corps of Engineers; Bullet 8, a policy needs to be developed on the permitting required for race courses and who sets the course; state at the end that the list in not complete, still being developed and open for discussion.)

The committee reviewed and discussed the new Chapter 1 of the HM plan. Essentially the chapter was approved as written with the addition of a sentence on the monitoring and protecting the watershed under Goal 2, Environmental Conservation and Enhancement. Mr. Steadman will also revise the contents page noting the new headings and content of these chapters.

The committee asked that a list of public access points in the Greenwich harbors for both pedestrian use and watercraft entry be identified someplace in the HM plan.

Mr. Steadman handed out maps of all the harbors with insets listing issues that need monitoring within each harbor. Duly noted on the Cos Cob harbor map, the new Cos Cob Park has replaced the Cos Cob Power Plant.

The revised order of the HM plan includes:

Chapter 1: Introduction to and Goals of the HM Plan—needs minor reworking—Edits to be finished, reviewed and possibly approved by the full commission at its May 20th meeting.

Chapter 2: History of the Greenwich Harbors Area—current draft previously approved by the full commission.

Chapter 3: Institutional Framework for Harbor Management—current draft previously by the full commission.

Chapter 4: Issues and Policies of Harbor Management—this is the old chapter 4 and 5 of the waterways report that needs combining. GS working on this. To be ready for review at the June 8th sub-committee meeting and possible review and approval by the full commission at its June 17th meeting. LG noted this is the chapter that needs public feedback so the discussion may be continued at the July 15th commission meeting.
Chapter 5: Guidelines and Recommendations for each of the Town’s Harbors.
GS handed out a draft of this chapter. He will delete the repetitive generic comments currently listed under each harbor as many are listed already in the policy section. Recommendations indigenous to all harbors will also be listed at the beginning of the chapter. To be ready for review at the June 1st sub-committee meeting and possible review and approval at the June 17th full commission meeting.

Chapter 6: Implementation responsibilities. GS will complete a first draft for the June 1 sub-committee meeting, and possible review and approval by the full commission at its the June 17th meeting.

Other issues discussed include:
The eastern boundary between Tomac Cove and Stamford town line needs clarification. Mr. Mazza said the Greenwich and Stamford administrations will determine the boundary lines and are working on establishing the border.
Explanation of the different fees for a mooring permit versus a slip permit. Mooring permits are authorized by the Harbormaster; the fee is paid to the Town of Greenwich and put into a non-recurring account for the Harbor Management Commission. Any change in the current fee would have to be approved by the Selectmen and the RTM. Public slip fees are administered by the Parks and Rec Department and the money collected goes in the town of Greenwich General Fund. Private slip fees are assessed by the association and the owner of these slips also pays a property tax to the Town of Greenwich.

The meeting was adjourned at 7 p.m. Motion made by Steve Kinner and seconded by Bernard Armstrong.

Respectfully submitted,

Lile Gibbons, Chair, HM Sub-Committee