Minutes

Members in attendance:
Mike Van Oss
Lile Gibbons
Bernard Armstrong
Bill Ingraham
Frank Mazza
Bruce Angiolillo

Absent
Don Carlson

Alternates:
Casey McKee
Skip Parker

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:
Sue Baker Conservation Commission
Roger Bowgen Shellfish Commission
Joseph Benoit R.T.M.
Brian Kerzner Department of Parks & Recreation
Jill Oberlander, Board of Selectmen

Absent:
Ian MacMillan, Harbormaster
Katie DeLuca P & Z
Lt. Jim Bonney, Police Department
Rick Loh, Board of Parks & Recreation

Consultant in Attendance:
Geoffrey Steadman
Jill Pietropaolo, RACE Coastal, PE, Senior Coastal Engineer
Joanna Giorno

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Chairman Mike Van Oss
   Chairman Van Oss seated Casey McKee

2. Approval of Minutes of the April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting
   Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 15 2020 regular meeting by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Casey McKee.
   Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. Chairman’s Report
   Greenwich Harbor Management Commission Chairman’s Report
No activity to report for the 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 the Mooring Committee 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 the RTM to keep various projects and committees moving forward. All have shown their commitment to this commission that allows us to make progress on the multiple tasks presented to the Harbor Management Commission.

4. Mooring Committee Report

Bill Ingraham reported unauthorized moorings continue to occur, especially in Greenwich Cove. Chairman Van Oss suggested a letter to be sent to those people, i.e. not following the rules and regulations and taking advantage of the mooring inventory. Ingraham agreed but said this somehow needs to be enforced. Continuing to search for abandoned Moorings, need to reclaim and place wait listed folks in available locations. A policy needs to be drafted to remove abandoned moorings. Also mentioned was the mooring waitlist exponentially expanding and process being lengthy as individuals are not being placed in a reasonable time frame. Chairman Van Oss said that he would call a special meeting of the Mooring Committee next week to address the issue. Lile Gibbons said that we need to identify who owns these abandoned moorings. Ingraham finished by thanking Joanna Giorno for being able to work remotely and stay on point as well as Barbara Heins, Executive Assistant to First Selectman Fred Camillo, who have been helpful with ensuring access to the Mooring Office during the COVID-19 shut down. Paid moorings YTD are less than 100.

5. Harbormaster Liaison Report

Bill Ingraham reported that Harbor Master’s Boat has been placed in water as per the order of Fred Camillo, First Selectman. Unfortunately, this order was not previously communicated before the boat was launched. The newer vessel, is need of minor repairs and is awaiting “its maiden” voyage is on blocks in the parking lot. Further discussion regarding Harbormaster’s, non-responsiveness to responsibilities followed – jurisdictional authority vs daily duties consistent with Harbor Master role.

The new Harbor Commission boat would retain the name Skipper on the transom but labeled in big print on each side as GREENWICH HARBOR COMMISSION. No date was given when the new boat would be recommissioned.

6. Applications Review Committee Report

Chairman Armstrong reviewed 4 applications.

a) Dan Maglio Sugar Kelp Farm

Commission agreed that this is a good area and would not cause any obstacles. Geoff Steadman agreed that this farm would not interfere with Shellfish conditions however he would like dimensions of farm to submit to DEEP and must be marked by DEEP approved markers. Conditions need to be met to document that if the farm is abandoned at any point that it would need to be removed. Chairman Armstrong motioned all in favor, seconded by McKee. Motion carried unanimous

b) Riverside Yacht Club Seawall Replacement

The site was inspected by Roger Bowgen and Shellfish Commission is okay with moving ahead with repairs. – Geoff Steadman mentioned that this predates the HMC plan, practicing best management practices and impacting 100 square feet of tidal wetlands. Geoff outlined plan COP process.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Parker recused themselves as they are both members of the Riverside Yacht Club. Motion unanimous

c) 7 Meadow Road Seawall repairs

Geoff Steadman stated the need to retain and maintain, a coastal site plan review. This was with P&Z and not discussed with Commission...however this plan conjures up questions of encroachment on neighbor’s property and needs to be presented to DEEP. This predates the Harbor Management Plan. Jill Pietropaolo, RACE Coastal, spoke about seawall repair and stated there were no changes, just repairs, but that it would need to be rebuilt. The neighbor’s approval would be needed in order to move forward in this permit.

d) 7 Meadow Place pier and floating dock
Also discussed on 5/20 - 7 Meadow Place in Old Greenwich, would like to replace the existing pier/floating dock as well, the new plan doubles the size to approx. 100 ft out – may be in public trust area. Jill Pietropaolo, said that the dock needs to be out that far to have sufficient water depth and they would like to use existing dock- Both Shellfish Commission and Harbor Management Commissions have serious concerns about the extended length of this new dock – It will be posted to public notice per Jill P, however this did not quell the concern. Geoff Steadman voiced that this appears to be a significant encroachment and may need to be changed and addressed and then Geoff Steadman reiterated the dock is inconsistent with the policy and plan – we need alternate plans to review. Lile Gibbons also said that it is not in line with the peninsula and other docks in the area this may set the wrong precedent.

e) 21 East Point Lane aluminum ramp –
   Tabled by Mr. Armstrong until the June 17th meeting

f) Daria Barry, Indian Point Lane
   Tabled by Mr. Armstrong until the June 17th meeting

g) h) The Notice of Tentative determination for the proposed activity at 89 River Road, Cos Cob, that includes modifying a marina and rowing club. Written comments due to DEEP by June 16, 2020. The commission voted to update its position and resend its original letter to DEEP to make clear its position in the public comment period.

7. New Business

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center (WCSC) reached regarding dredging of Harbor – no success of setting anything up as of yet.

8. Public Comment

Bill Ingraham brought up unfinished business – speed buoys can now be installed per DEEP, Aamina will make First Selectman aware as Commission is fully on board to complete and will need to be reviewed by RTM. Geoff Steadman and Bill Ingraham will work on initiating, Frank Mazza mentioned that the Commission still has budget for 2 buoys and it needs to be applied before end of June.

9. Executive Session

Chairman Van Oss asked Mr. Angiolillo, as Chair of the Harbormaster Search Committee, to provide an update to the Commission in executive session. With there being a consensus, a motion to move to executive session for the update was made by Lile Gibbons, and seconded by Bruce Angiolillo Motion carried (Unanimous).

The meeting then moved to executive session at 7:58 P.M. Mr. Angiolillo provided an update to the Commission on the work of the Harbormaster Search Committee. With there being a consensus, a motion to exit executive session was made by Bernard Armstrong and seconded by Bruce Angiolillo Motion carried (Unanimous).

10. Harbormaster Search Committee Update

Meeting returned to general session at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Angiolillo reported that he had provided said update to the Commission. With there being a consensus, a motion was made by Mr. Angiolillo and seconded by Lile Gibbons directing Chairman van Oss in consultation with Select-person Jill Oberlander to provide an update to the Members of the Board of Selectmen. Motion carried (Unanimous).

11. Adjournment

Bruce Angiolillo made motion to adjourn and Casey McKee seconded, Motion carried (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm
Application Review Committee Report

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Bernard Armstrong, Chairman
Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angiolillo

Finished business

No items

13 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 signed Pre-application approval letter to Jill Pietropaolo at Race along with the signed Deep Permit Consultation Form (file 17 Byron Dock).

4.  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.

5.  Rec’d DEEP Notice of Tentative Determination to approve the application submitted by River Road Development LLC for proposed activity that includes modifying a marina and rowing club. Written comments due to DEEP by June 16, 2020.

6.  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

7  2/6/19 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,

8  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.

9  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
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

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 no objection to this project The HMC had no problem with this application and sent letter to DEEP on 4/19/20

Rec’d LWRD License Application for 207 Byram Shore Road to build a 4/40 dock. John Hilts Engineer. The HMC reviewed this project on April 15th and sent is notification out on 420/20.

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. On 5/11/20 Shellfish reported it had no objection to this application. HMC had no objection and letter sent to DEEP on 420/20

**New Business**

**6 new Business Items for review at the 5/20/20 HMC Meeting**

2/20/20 Sugar Kelp Aquaculture Project. Sponsor Dan Maggio. Deferred as a result of no HMC meeting in March

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. Shellfish position pending

3/8/2020 Rec’d Certificate of Permission Application for Seawall Repairs for 7 Meadow Place in Old Greenwich. Engineer Race Coastal. On 4/10/20 Shellfish filed a Pre -Submission form that it 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.

5/1/20 Rec’d Certificate of Permission Application for dock modifications for 31 Indian Point Lane, Riverside. Engineer is Christina Lopes with Dockos in Mystic, CT.

5/1/20 Rec’d Pre-submission Consultation Form for Greenwich Point Par to dredge 2.4 acres in Greenwich Cove. This area is part of the 147acre Greenwich Point Park with significant residential development in the area. Sponsor is Brian Kerzner. Engineering by Steve Sternberg, Race Coastal

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