The meeting commenced in the Gisborne room in Greenwich Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. on June 1st. The minutes of May 18th were approved with a suggestion to add a further explanation of the mooring and slip fees which Gary Silberberg will send in.

The Committee discussed Chapter 5, reviewed the latest draft of the contents and the maps.

Geoff Steadman said we will receive comments from Jeff Freitag on the Police Marine Division, from Parks and Rec and from P & Z on their related sections. P & Z will provide the public access points along the Mianus River.

Ian Macmillan asked how does the plan move from a written goal into an actionable plan. For instance, what to do with an abandoned boat. Should the fee to remove the boat come from the Harbor Management mooring fees?

Bruce Angiolillo is to look at the Harbormaster regulations. Ian stated that all regs for the Harbormaster are in the Old Port plan, specifically the section on grid patterns. Lile Gibbons asked Ian to provide a written explanation of a grid pattern and the suggestion that creating one could be a goal of the Harbor management plan. Since Greenwich does not have one to date, the HM C would need as estimate of time and work involved as well as cost to create a grid pattern in order to discuss and move it along most likely to the Selectmen for further discussion.

Continued discussion on the formation of a grid patterns. Geoff Steadman advised us not to put the actual grid pattern in the HM plan as it could change. Just to state a goal of the HM plan would be to create a grid pattern.

The committee decided to send an editable version of Chapter 5 to all the public and private yacht and boating clubs in Greenwich and ask for their comments on goals, issues in their specific coves and harbors. Steve Kinner will send this out.

Comments on Chapter 5:
5-2, set-backs from Federal Navigation Project Boundaries: Not a fixed number so each application will require review.
5-3: restricted speed zones—in the town code which needs revising.

Mooring and anchoring. Anchoring subject to regulations established by the HMC which Bruce Angiolillo is working on for review by the HMC. Add Federal and State laws which have oversight to the anchoring regs. HMC
needs to decide how long a boater can use a mooring without a mooring permit. 14 days? 30 days? What are the consequences of not sending in the paperwork and fee for a mooring application? Should the town or the Harbormaster send a response to an applicate, saying his application is in good order? What about stickers for the moorings?

5-4: List the coordinates of the current waterside “park” in Byram. List on public access points

5-5 Comment on public access through private waterfront development projects redundant. Should be in general statements on the waterfront. Water quality monitoring—addition from the first draft—good.

5-6 Policy in chapter 4 on maintaining the launching areas. Geoff will have a map of public launch points in the final draft.

6-e: Avoidance/removal of in-water debris: who is to remove? Put where?

5-7. Navigation guidelines. There are two “no-wake” buoys near Captain’s Island. They should be listed in the “Outer Harbor” section. Byram Harbor has a restricted speed limit of 5 statute mph. Town-managed mooring locations. These should be established by the Harbormaster in consultation with the HMC. Clarification needed on Selectmen’s authority given them by the Special Acts.

5-8. Maintenance of in-water structures. Need to add that permits for new in-water structures must take into consideration the impact of such structure on the quality of the view of the neighbors.

5-10. Discussion of permits required for passive recreation and special events held on town parks. The regs for obtaining such permits will be listed in the addendum.

Last paragraph, under “Boating Activities also take place in Smith Cove…” Add Chimney Corners.

5-12 Harbor Icing. The Harbormaster is required to check the Cos Cob and Greenwich Harbors daily during winter Icing time and report to the Coast Guard on icing conditions. Greenwich Police Department’s Marine division is responsible for keeping the harbors free of ice. (true?)

5-13, Gary Silberberg requests that water-dependent uses by augmented by the phrase “Water enhanced”.

5-14. Guest moorings. Where listed in the plan? Does Greenwich have any? Some of the private yacht clubs do. List in a harbor brochure rather than in the HM plan. Also list in the brochure (page 5-16) the site of marine sanitation and vessel waste pump-out facilities. Change sentence to read “Maintenance” of a vessel-waste pump-out facility at the grass Island be done.

5-21. Comments on the Cos Cob Park. The opening of this park in April, 2015 should be duly noted.
5-22. Cos Cob Mill Pond. One of the goals of the HM Plan under the Cos cob section should be to create openings in the Pond for tidal exchange to support viable intertidal habitat.

5-23. Mention navigation hazards at low tide. Lots of silting in Tomac Creek. Need for dredging. Mention Pelican Island...

5-25. Neighborhood preservation. Neighbors are interested in private dredging in the inner coves. Process for obtaining permits, etc. should be mentioned in the HM plan.

5-27. Add Binney Park to section 6(c) as area that needs management of highway pollutants.

5-29. Great Captain Island... mentions overnight camping. Perhaps in Harbor brochure.

5-30. Great Captain Island Conservation Area. It was noted that the great influx of birds using Great Captain Island as their habitat is destroying the trees on Captain’s Island.

The committee tabled discussion on Chapter 6 until the next sub-committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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