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

Alternates:
Casey McKee
Skip Parker

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:
Lt. Jim Bonney, Police Department
Sue Baker Conservation Commission
Brian Kerzner Department of Parks & Recreation
Sean Jordon-Harbormaster
Joseph Benoit R.T.M.

Absent:
Katie DeLuca P & Z
Rick Loh, Board of Parks & Recreation
Jill Oberlander, Board of Selectmen

Consultant in Attendance
Geoffrey Steadman

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Mike Van Oss
   Don Carlson had to leave early so Casey McKee was seated

2. Approval of Minutes of the July 15, 2020
   Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 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

   Chairman Van Oss announced Sean Jordan as the new Harbor Master and reviewed his background and credentials. He also thanked Sean Jordon and Bill Ingraham for all their hard work getting the new boat Skipper ready for the water. He also congratulated Captain Jim Bonney for his recent promotion. Van Oss again thanked Bill Ingraham and Brian Kerzner for getting the boat electronics fixed. He also announced that Bruce Angiolillo was retiring from that commission and thanked Bruce for his arduous service and continued support over the years and introduced Beth Forbes as a potential new member of the commission.

4. Mooring Committee Report

   Ingraham reported that we have 320 moorings in compliance and 210 moorings not in compliance and 45 non respondents plus 400 club moorings A 2021 waiting list has been started. Casey McKee
suggested the HMC use drones to photograph the mooring fields and believes this will help the HMC better manage the mooring fields.

5. Harbormaster Report

Sean Jordon presented the attached written report.

Geoff Steadman reported on status of letter from DEEP and the Chairman’s response to Alexandra Schaffer (ACOE Alexandria VA) regarding the USACE Statistical Port Polygon Project. Copy attached. Bernard Armstrong made a motion authorizing Mike VanOss to send this letter. Lile Gibbons seconded. Motion carried (Unanimous).

6. Applications Review Committee Report

Bernard Armstrong reported that 6 dock projects have been completed and 2 new applications have been received since the July meeting.

The Certificate of Permission Application for the Byram Boat Ramp generated much discussion but the commission felt the current status is not clear. This was tabled for 30 days.

The Pre-submission Consultation Form to repair a 190’ seawall and install a new 155’ pier at 54 Byram Drive was reviewed. The HMC discussed this matter and agreed that additional information was needed and further reviews are required to complete a pre-application review of the Applicant’s proposal. Specifically, the HMC is concerned that the waterward encroachment of the proposed dock facility may be excessive, especially when considering that the Tax Assessor’s Map provided by the Applicant shows no other substantial water-access structures extending from other properties in this shoreline area. Accordingly, the HMC recommends that alternatives to the proposed design be considered by the Applicant to reduce encroachment into the public trust area while providing reasonable access to navigable water consistent with existing shoreline character The HMC also requests that the proposed dock facility be shown to scale on an appropriate aerial photograph including other properties in this shoreline area, and that the Applicant provide a written description of any coastal resources on and nearby the proposed project. Letter to be sent to the applicant and Race Coastal to this effect.

7. Old Business

a. Captain’s Island No Wake Zone Buoys

Bill Ingraham reported that the BOS and Parks & Rec had approved this project and now had to go to the RTM for final review. Chairman Van Oss thanked Bill Ingraham for his efforts on this project.

b. Dredge Funds for Greenwich Harbor

Frank Mazza reported that nothing has happened. Frank Mazza suggested that a letter be sent to the First Selectman reiterating the importance of the “open to all” policy in clearing the way to get Federal Funds for this project. Lile Gibbons motioned to authorize Mike Van Oss to send this letter. Bernard Armstrong seconded. Motion carried (Unanimous). Skip Parker mentioned that the harbor is shallow and that the ferries are churning mud at low tide.

c. Congestion issues at entrance to Greenwich Harbor

In response to various complaints about the speed buoys moving Captain Bonney stated they have not moved but it only appears that they have moved because the IHYC mooring field has moved

d. Greenwich Cove Dredging

Brian Kerzner reported that core samples have been taken which will determine where the spoils can be deposited. Brian is waiting for the ACOE response regarding this.

8. Public Comment

None.
10. Adjournment
Frank Mazza made motion to adjourn, seconded by Casey McKee. (Unanimous). Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

Michael Van Oss, Chairman
Bernard Armstrong, Secretary

Application Review Committee Report

9/16/20 HMC Meeting
Bernard Armstrong, Chairman
Casey McKee, Bruce Angiolillo

Finished business
6 items

7/21/20    Rec’d DEEP license # 201908584-SDFTW for 89 River Road to modify the existing marina and dock structure signed by Betsy Wingfield.

7/21/20    Rec’d DEEP Approval Application #202004790-SDF for 112 South Water St, Byram. Signed by Brian Thompson

7/29/20    Rec’d DEEP License #: 202005948-LISGP for dock at 25 Game Cock Rd, Greenwich signed by john Gaucher. File Name 25 Gamecock.

8/24/20    Rec’d DEEP Permit Registration #LISGP-201700343 dated 5/4/2018 from Jeff Caiola signed by Brian Thompson. N.B. there appears to be no record of receipt by the HMC but came as a request by Bernard Armstrong. File name 25 ledge road.

8/27/20    Rec’d DEEP License# 202004790 SDF for 112 South Water St, Greenwich signed by John Gaucher. File 112 Water.

6/1/20     Rec’d LWRD Application for to construct a 4/40 dock with a fixed pier on Longmeadow Creek at 10 South End Court, Old Greenwich. The application was incomplete and applicant Tim Muldoon has been notified. No response as of 8/31/20 so application is dropped.

18 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.
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. 1/3/20 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 reinstallations 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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.

13. 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

5/20/20 Sugar Kelp Aquaculture Project. Sponsor Dan Maggio. Deferred as a result of no HMC meeting in March. The HMC voted “no objections” to this request. HMC letter sent

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. The HMC had no objection to this at its 6/17 meeting.
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 147-acre Greenwich Point Park with significant residential development in the area. Sponsor is Brian Kerzner. Engineering by Steve Sternberg, Race Coastal. The HMC had no objection to this at its 6/17/20 meeting.

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.

7/8/20  Rec’d Revised Pre-Submission Consultation Form for 7 Meadow Place, Old Greenwich. 7/21/20 sent signed Pre-Submission application and letter to Race Coastal,

New Business

2 new Business Items for review at the 9/17/20 HMC Meeting

8/31/20  Certificate of Permission Application for Byram Boat Ramp Improvement. Engineer Chris Kane, RACE

9/3/20  Rec’d Pre-Submission Consultation Form to repair a 190 ‘stone seawall and build a new 110’x4 ‘pier and gangway at 54 Byram Drive, Greenwich. RACE is the engineer.

No other permit actions were received by the HMC affecting the GHA since the last meeting.
Harbor Management Commission
Selectmen’s Office
101 Field Point Road
Greenwich, CT 06836-2540
203-622-7713

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

VIA EMAIL

September 16, 2020

Ms. Alexandra Schafer
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Institute for Water Resources
National Capital Region
7701 Telegraph Road (Casey Building)
Alexandria, Virginia 22315

Subject: USACE Statistical Port Polygon Project - Greenwich, CT

Dear Ms. Schafer:

The Greenwich Harbor Management Commission is in receipt of your August 27, 2020 email to former Greenwich Harbor Master Ian Macmillan in which you request information pertinent to mapping of statistical port boundaries by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

On behalf of the HMC and current Greenwich Harbor Master Sean Jordan, I wish to provide the following information concerning the municipal harbor management jurisdiction of the Town of Greenwich over navigable waters of Long Island Sound. That jurisdictional area, defined in the Town Charter, Greenwich Municipal Code, and the duly adopted Town of Greenwich Harbor Management Plan, is known as the Greenwich Harbors Area (GHA). We recommend for the purpose of your project that the boundaries of the GHA be considered as the “statistical port boundaries” of the Town.

The GHA encompasses a broad geographic area including tidal and navigable waters, other natural coastal resources, and a number of distinct and well-known harbors and coves that support a diversity of water-dependent uses. In 2020, the GHA, served by three federal navigation projects, continues to be a vital center of recreational boating in western Long Island Sound. As shown on the attached map from the Harbor Management Plan, the GHA is:

“.. bounded on the east by so much of the line separating the Town of Greenwich from the Town of Stamford as lies north of the forty-first parallel of latitude; on the south by a line
running from the intersection of the Town line with the forty-first parallel westerly to Flat Neck Point, thence southwesterly through lighted bell buoy No. 1 east of Little Captains Island, thence southwesterly to red nun buoy No. 2 immediately southwesterly of Great Captains Island, and thence to the State line on a line running northwesterly through black can buoy No. 1 on Mansuring Reef at the entrance to Port Chester Harbor; on the west by the line between New York and Connecticut, and on the north by the shore line of the Town of Greenwich...”

To summarize, the GHA is waterward of the Mean High Water line, bounded on the west and east, respectively, by the jurisdictions of the Village of Port Chester, New York and City of Stamford, Connecticut. On the south, the GHA is bounded by a line that runs, within the projection of the boundary lines of the neighboring municipalities, generally along the outside of Flat Neck Point, Little Captains Island, Great Captains Island, and Mansuring Reef at the entrance to Port Chester Harbor. The GHA is not to be confused with Greenwich Harbor which is one of the Town’s several distinct inner harbors within the GHA.

Also within the GHA, the Byram River/Port Chester Harbor includes the navigable waterway in the Byram River, so much as lies within the Town’s jurisdiction, upstream from Byram Point to the head of navigation at the Mill Street Bridge.

Cos Cob Harbor within the GHA is defined by the tidally influenced reach of the Mianus River, downstream of the Mianus Pond Dam.

We hope this information is helpful for your project. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 247-0509 or mike@vanops.us, or you may contact Harbor Master Jordan at harbormaster@greenwichct.org.

Sincerely,

Michael Van Oss
Chairman, Greenwich Harbor Management Commission

Enclosure

cc:
Mr. Sean Jordan, State of Connecticut Harbor Master for Greenwich
Ms. Coral Siligato, USACE, New England District
Notes:
-Boundary between Greenwich and Stamford is
-Boundary between Greenwich and Port Chester
is a surveyed line generally following the
centerline of the Byram River.

Base Map: U.S Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, NOS.
"Nautical Chart 12367 (Greenwich Point to New Rochelle)". May 1999
Good Day,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to be nominated and appointed as Greenwich’s Harbor Master. I very much look forward to working with you!

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<td>Aug 02nd</td>
<td>Ride along with Greenwich PD Marine unit with Mike Van Oss</td>
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<td>End July – Begin Aug</td>
<td>about 3 to 5 evening I did not mark in my calendar for record</td>
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<td>Abt 30 Aug</td>
<td>test run on MV Skipper II from Greenwich Harbor near Great Captain Island. We reviewed some out moorings for introduction purposes with Mike Van Oss and Bill Ingraham</td>
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<td>Sept 05</td>
<td>Visually inspect MV Skipper II all appears to be in order.</td>
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Communications/Queries/Events from Public

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<td>Niki McCarthy</td>
<td>Query entered seeking to clarify if Ramp/Floating dock at/near 25 Ledge Road. There appears to be a permit from LWRD however there is query if the location is correct</td>
<td>We have sent some emails internally to confirm if any known or open issues. We will now contact Jeff Cailoa of LWRD to clarify</td>
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<td>Compliant challenges the location and claim it is currently an eye sore.</td>
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<td>OGYC – Corey Bankroft</td>
<td>S/V Genesis II has been making up to moorings which the vessel is not assigned to. Query received to clarify if there is an assigned mooring.</td>
<td>We confirm this vessel does not have an assigned mooring and is currently on the wait list. From information received from Corey Bankroft it appears this vessel was previously a guest however is making up to moorings without permission.</td>
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<td>Race Coastal Engineering - Chris Kane</td>
<td>Shares Certificate of Permission received by DEEPfor Byram Boat Ramp modifications</td>
<td>Appears no action is required</td>
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<td>Ed Abdelnour</td>
<td>Complaint received regarding boaters making up to a nearby Cos Cob YC mooring. Appears from communications shared to be a reoccurring complaint. Request to either move Cos Cob YC mooring to the back side of Cove or move Mr. Ed Abdelnour’s mooring.</td>
<td>Understand John Mould Commodore of Cos Cob YC is reviewing the location. Follow up needed with Mr. Mould to see the findings of his checking.</td>
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Appreciate all your assistance during this transition period while I figure out the systems and points of contact.

Thanks!