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Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Meeting
October 17, 2018
6:00 P.M.
Mazza Room, Town Hall

Minutes

Members in attendance:

Bruce Angiolillo  Chairman
Lile Gibbons  Vice Chairman
Mike Van Oss  Secretary
Bernard Armstrong
Bill Ingraham
Frank Mazza

Absent:

Don Carlson

Alternates:

Casey McKee
David Noble

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Sue Baker  Conservation Commission
Roger Bowgen  Shellfish Commission
Katie DeLuca  Planning & Zoning Commission
Brian Kerzner  Department of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan  Harbormaster
John Toner  Board of Selectmen

Absent:

Joseph Benoit  RTM
Rick Loh  Board of Parks & Recreation
Michael O’Connor  Police Department
Consultant in Attendance:
Geoffrey Steadman

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:02 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Angiolillo**

In the absence of Don Carlson, Chairman Angiolillo seated David Noble.

2. **Approval of Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Regular Meeting by Bernard Armstrong, seconded Lile Gibbons. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. **Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Angiolillo reported that Katie DeLuca informed the Commission at the Special Meeting on October 10, that the current draft of the proposed changes to the WB zoning regulations will not be on the agenda for the October 30 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting. And, further, he reported that Ms. DeLuca intends to circulate another draft in the coming weeks for consideration.

Chairman Angiolillo also reported that on October 16, he and Vice Chairman Lile Gibbons attended an educational session organized by the Planning & Zoning Commission on certain land use issues and best practices on how to conduct of meetings.

4. **Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project**

Frank Mazza reported RACE Engineering is expected to provide initial feedback on its work on the Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project by friday of this week.

Mr. Mazza further reported that on behalf of the Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club he approached the Army Corps of Engineers about including some form of access for the club to the federal channel as part of the dredge project.

5. **Finance Committee Report**

Frank Mazza asked everyone to send him suggestions for next year’s Operating Budget by November 1.
6. **Moorings Committee Report**

Mike Van OSS reported that the Mooring Committee has prepared a list of the mooring holders who did not register or pay for the use of their moorings in 2018. He added that the off-season goal is to update and finalize this list. Mr. Van OSS stated that the Committee intends to reach out to these holders to address and resolve the status of their moorings.

Mr. Van OSS reported that the Mooring Committee is presently drafting the 2019 mooring application forms. He also reported that a letter regarding the permitted use of "lobster buoys" in addition to commercial winter sticks for this Winter season will be going out shortly.

Brian Kerzner inquired about the status and identification of so-called abandoned moorings. Bill Ingraham addressed this issue, reporting that the Mooring Committee plans to affix an orange ball to each of these unpermitted moorings, rendering them unusable. The orange balls will be marked with a notice to contact the Harbor Management Commission.

7. **Application Review Committee**

Bernie Armstrong delivered the monthly report of the Application Review Committee. A copy of his report is attached to the Minutes.

Motion to authorize a letter to DEEP advising that the proposed activities described in the COP application for Seawall and Floating Dock Improvements at 57 Willowmere Circle, Riverside, appear to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Bernie Armstrong. Motion carried (Unanimous).

8. **Harbormaster Report**

Bill Ingraham reported little activity during the last month.

Harbormaster MacMillan requested permission to read a report. Chairman Angiolillo noted notwithstanding that the Harbormaster had failed to request to be placed on the agenda for the meeting, he would be allowed to address the Commission.

9. **New Business**

None.

10. **Public Comment**
Michael Curley, Commodore of Greenwich Boat & Yacht Club, requested information on the proposed areas to be dredged in Greenwich Harbor. Chairman Angiolillo stated that he was confused by Mr. Curley's question since he and Frank Mazza had visited with the Mr. Curley and the club's executive committee to discuss this subject on September 6 and, additionally, Mr. Mazza addressed this subject at length at the Commission's monthly meeting on September 17, which Mr. Curley attended. Chairman Angiolillo renewed the Commission's prior invitations to GB&YC to propose an access route to the federal channel that would be desirable for the club. Chairman Angiolillo reiterated that the Commission is willing to advocate to the USACE that such access be added to the federal dredge project.

Sue Baker addressed “Ballot Question #2” that will be on the ballot on November 6. She encouraged everyone to vote “Yes” on that question, which pertains to the sale or transfer of certain Public Lands. A copy of a flier prepared by the Greenwich Tree Conservancy was distributed. A copy is attached to the Minutes.

Bill Bennett asked about the process for tagging unpermitted moorings. Bill Ingraham repeated that they will be tagged with an orange ball with instructions to contact the Harbor Management Commission. He explained that the goal is to encourage voluntary compliance before commencing formal legal process and incurring the expenses of removing, storing and disposing of unpermitted mooring tackle.

Bill Ingraham invited Brian Kerzner to work with the Mooring Committee on the project to permit and install no wake/speed regulation buoys in the GHA, particularly at Great Captain's Island.

Steve Timchak introduced himself and stated that he would like the opportunity to discuss his plans to develop a kelp farm in the GHA, near Wee Captain's Island. Chairman Angiolillo invited Mr. Timchak to speak with him after the meeting to discuss how the Commission could be supportive in reviewing and considering his project, consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

Chairman Angiolillo reminded everyone that the November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14, one week earlier than originally scheduled. It will start at 6 PM and be in the Cone Room.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lile Gibbons, seconded by Bernie Armstrong. Motion carried (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M
Penny Monahan assisted the Secretary in the preparation of these minutes.
Application Review Committee Report

10/17/18 HMC Meeting

Bernard Armstrong, Chairman

Casey Mc Kee, Bruce Angilillo

Finished business

1. Cos Cob Dock DEEP Certificate of Permission pending 3/28/18 Received a DEEP Permit Consultation Form to repair and extend a floating dock. The current float is 10x10. The plan calls for “repair and extend” to a 10x16 wooden float. Approved DEEP License 201801135 COP.

2. Rec’d for 116 Oneida Drive LLC DEEP License #201809269-COP in the name of Tom Heagney.

7 Open Items

1. Marache Dock Request for public hearing received by DEEP which conducted a Status Meeting including representatives of the HMC in Hartford on May 22, 2018. This was a preliminary meeting to a site visit and pre-hearing conference to be held in Greenwich on August 8, 2018 and a public meeting to be held in Greenwich on September 13, 2018.

   6/6/18 received a petition of Intervention by Susan Cohen
   6/13/18 received an Objection to the above petition of Intervention
   6/15/18 received Susan Cohen’s response to the above Objection.
   8/8/18 DEEP and HMC site visit/ and 9/13/18 Public Hearing
   9/24-26 DEEP Major Hearing in Hartford. Steadman and Armstrong attended.

2. Eversource The HMC has deferred a review of this request until such time that the Town’s petition to revise the Siting Council’s decision is resolved.

3. WH House LLC

   4/16/18 WH House LLC (109 Byram Shore Road) filed a Certification of Permission Application Form proposing to retain unauthorized davit and platform installed during reconstruction of pier. The HMC noted that the existing, unauthorized work pre-dates the Harbor Management Plan and does not affect coastal resources and therefore the HMC has no objection to the proposal.

4. Oneida Indian Harbor, LLC

   5/11/18 Received a Certificate of Permission Application for substantial maintenance of existing waterfront structures, including a pier, gangway, floating dock, and pier foundation at 60 Oneida Drive, Greenwich. This application is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the existing, unpermitted structures pre-date the Harbor
Management Plan and do not have an adverse impact on coastal resources, including shellfish resources. Sent 6/26/18 Draft Certificate of Permission Application letter to DEEP.

5. 7/9/18 Rec'd General Permit Registration Form for 9 Gamecock Rd, Greenwich, CT to install a concrete landing, ramp and float to be reviewed 7/18/18 Shellfish commission reported "no objections" to this application. 8/10/18 BFA sent General Permit Registration to Jeff Caiola (DEEP).

6. 6/8/18 Rec'd Certificate of Permission application by Quatro Partners for 5 Meadow Place to retain and maintain an existing seawall and pier. Committee agreed that application is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Pending DEEP approval.

7. 8/2/18 73 Willowmere Circle, Riverside. Received COP application to rebuild a seawall and install a 4/40 dock and stairs. HMC approved on 9/19/18and sent approval letter to DEEP. Now pending.

New Business

2 New Items

9/17/18 57 Willowmere Circle, Riverside. Received a COP application for Seawall and Floating Dock Improvements. Adam Potter applicant. Former owners Joseph and Suzanne Wilcox.

10/9/18 Received Registration Form for Establishment of Marina Boundary at Byram Shore Park Marina. Byram. CT.

No other permit actions were received by the HMC affecting the GHA since the September 19th meeting.
Public Lands Belong to You!

Vote Yes on Question #2
Protect Your Land & Your Voice on November 6th

BALLOT QUESTION #2

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly?

Purpose of the Proposed Amendment

The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to hold a public hearing before any state lands are sold or transferred. It would also require a 2/3 vote from the General Assembly before lands owned by the Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection and/or Dept. of Agriculture could be sold or transferred. A "YES" vote means that the Constitution will be amended to provide for an open and transparent process when selling Public Lands.

Currently, the General Assembly can sell or transfer our state parks, forests, and other state-owned lands without public input. A "NO" vote will allow this practice to continue putting our Public Lands at risk.

Are there State-Owned Lands in or near Greenwich?

YES! The Mianus River State Park consists of over 400 acres of valuable, state-owned, public open space in the Mianus River Watershed that helps to protect our drinking water supplies. Additionally, there is excess land associated with both I-95 and the Merritt Parkway that provides a buffer between the highway and residences.

Vote YES! on Ballot Question No 2!

For more information go to:
http://protectctpubliclands.org/ or
http://greenwichtreeconservancy.org/