

Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Meeting
October 18, 2017
6:00 P.M.
Mazza Room, Town Hall

Minutes

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Town Clerk

Members in attendance:

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

Absent:

Steve Kinner

Alternates:

Don Carlson
Casey McKee

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:

Jim Bonney	Police Department
Jeff Freidag	Department of Parks Recreation
Horst Tebbe	RTM
John Toner	Board of Selectmen

Absent:

Sue Baker	Conservation Commission
Roger Bowgen	Shellfish Commission
Katie DeLuca	Planning & Zoning Commission
Rick Loh	Board of Parks & Recreation
Ian MacMillan	Harbormaster

Consultant in Attendance:

Geoffrey Steadman

1. Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Angiolillo

In the absence of Steve Kinner, Chairman Angiolillo seated Alternate Member Casey McKee.

2. Approval of Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2017 Meeting by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Frank Mazza. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. Chairman's Report

Chairman Angiolillo reported that since the Commission's September meeting, he has focused on the remaining steps to bring the Town of Greenwich Harbor Management Plan Final Draft for Town Adoption to the RTM for approval. He noted that Commission members had attended recent meetings of the Land Use, Legislative & Rules, and Parks & Recreation Committees of the RTM. He added that Commission members and Alternate members will be attending all 12 of the upcoming District meetings to answer questions and seek support for the approval of the Plan.

Chairman Angiolillo reported that, with Geoff Steadman's assistance, contact had been made with DEEP regarding a pending dock application that was discussed at the September Commission meeting. Mr. Steadman will prepare a draft letter regarding the application for consideration by the Applications Review Committee (Messrs. Angiolillo, Armstrong & McKee). It was noted that the Shellfish Commission had reviewed and indicated no objection to the application.

Chairman Angiolillo also reported that a request had been made to the U.S. Coast Guard to check on whether the two channel markers up river of the Riverside Yacht Club docks were properly positioned after completion of the Mianus Dredge project. Mr. Angiolillo stated that additional action by the Commission will depend on what the U.S. Coast Guard determines.

4. Update on Harbor Management Plan

Vice Chairman Gibbons reported the votes were unanimous in support of the Plan at the RTM's Land Use and Legislative & Rules Committee meetings that she and Frank Mazza attended. She added that she and Casey McKee attended the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting and also received a unanimous vote of support. She emphasized the importance of the upcoming 12 District meetings to the successful completion of the Plan approval process and also urged all Commission members, Alternate members and Ex-Officio members to attend the RTM meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 to show their support.

5. Updates regarding work on Greenwich Harbor Dredge Project, Online Mooring System and GHA Brochure

Frank Mazza reported that he and Geoff Steadman met with Joe Siciliano and Jeff Freidag at the Department of Parks and Recreation to discuss ideas for the Greenwich Harbor dredge project and Mr. Mazza stated the he will be working on a presentation for the November Commission meeting.

Mike Van Oss and Bill Ingraham, respectively, summarized their ongoing work regarding the continuing implementation of the mooringinfo.com online system and the design phase of the GHA brochure.

6. Harbormaster and Harbormaster Liaison Reports

In the absence of the Harbormaster, there was no report. Mr. Ingraham stated that he had not heard from the Harbormaster during the prior month.

7. New Business

None.

8. Public Comment

In connection with the anticipated finalization of the draft Mooring Regulations, Dr. Doug Masi suggested that the regulations prohibit the use of 4x4 timbers as so-called "Winter Sticks". Chairman Angiolillo invited Dr. Masi to propose an alternative to ameliorate his described risks of the current practice.

In connection with the upcoming District meetings, Mr. Steadman suggested that the Commission emphasize that a major benefit of the Harbor Management Plan is that it makes clear the binding nature of the Commission's

recommendations with respect to regulatory decision-making by State officials on matters affecting the Greenwich Harbors Area. He referred to the following provision included in three separated places in the approved Plan:

“Pursuant to Sec. 22a-113n of the Connecticut General Statutes, a recommendation of the HMC that is consistent with and adequately supported by the Plan with respect to a proposed project shall be binding on any official of the State of Connecticut when making regulatory decisions or undertaking or sponsoring development affecting the GHA, unless such official shows cause why a different action should be taken.”

This provision, he said, which is not to be found in any of the earlier-approved harbor management plans, clarifies the Connecticut Harbor Management Act for the benefit of Greenwich and each of the other 22 towns and municipalities with harbor management plans. He stated this was the result of many, many hours of good discussions over six months, involving the Commission’s drafting subcommittee and DEEP.

Casey McKee thanked Bruce Angiolillo, Lile Gibbons and Frank Mazza for their dedication and efforts on the Harbor Management Plan.

9. Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.



Bruce Angiolillo
Chairman



Mike Van Oss
Secretary

*with permission
BA.*

Penny Monahan assisted the Secretary in the preparation of these minutes.