Town of Greenwich
Harbor Management Commission
Special Meeting
December 15, 2016
6:00 P.M.
Cone Room, Town Hall

Minutes

Members in attendance:
Bruce Angiolillo  Chairman
Lile Gibbons    Vice Chairman
Bill Ingraham
Steve Kinner
Frank Mazza
Peter Quigley

Alternates:
Bernard Armstrong
Don Carlson

Absent:
Mike Van Oss

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:
Sue Baker  Conservation Commission
John Brown  Police Department
Ian MacMillan  Harbormaster
John Toner  Board of Selectmen

Absent:
Roger Bowgen  Shellfish Commission
Jeff Freidag  Department of Parks & Recreation
Rick Loh  Board of Parks & Recreation
Nancy Ramer  Planning & Zoning Commission
Horst Tebbe  RTM
Consultant in Attendance:

Geoffrey Steadman

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairman Bruce Angiolillo

In the absence of Mike Van Oss, Chairman Angiolillo seated Alternate Member Bernard Armstrong.

2. Review of comments on revised draft of proposed Harbor Management Plan and next steps

Chairman Angiolillo thanked Geoff Steadman for preparing the December 15, 2016 memorandum which sets forth each of the edits and additions that the Drafting Sub Committee recommends to be made to the revised draft Harbor Management Plan, dated October 2016. (On October 19, 2016, a copy of the revised draft Plan was posted on the Town website.) Copies of Mr. Steadman’s December 15 memorandum was handed out to the Commission Members, Alternate Members, Ex-Officio Members, and members of the General Public in attendance. A copy is attached.

Chairman Angiolillo asked Lile Gibbons, as Chairman of the Drafting Sub Committee, to lead the discussion on the proposed edits and additions. Lile Gibbons noted that these recommended changes reflect the Sub Committee’s careful consideration of each of the comments received since the revised draft of the Plan was posted in late October, including those received in advance, at, and subsequent to the November 2, 2016 Public Meeting on the proposed Plan. She stated that all written comments received were acknowledged, and that the Sub Committee tried to address and respond to each of them individually. She reported that the Sub Committee met several times to deliberate over these proposed revisions, including a recent 8 hour marathon drafting session. She thanked Geoff Steadman and her fellow Sub Committee Members, Bernie Armstrong and Bruce Angiolillo, for their contributions and commitment. Finally, she noted that the December 1 comment period had now passed.

Lile Gibbons provided everyone with copies of the first 7 pages of Chapter One, reordered to place “Harbor Management Goals” before “Priority Issues” and adding a new “Goal” concerning non-federal dredging. A copy is attached.

Lile Gibbons then led the Commission through each of the recommended changes set out in Mr. Steadman’s December 15 memorandum, and summarized the Sub Committee’s thinking behind each of them. With respect to the subject of the Commission’s expenditures, after discussion, there was a consensus that “review”
should replace “approval” at 7-13, so as to read: “All requests for expenditures from the Harbor Management Account will be submitted by the HMC to the BOS for review.”

Chairman Angiolillo then invited each member to express their thoughts and views on the revised draft Harbor Management Plan, as amended by these edits and additions.

Each member expressed their enthusiastic support for the revised draft Plan and thanked Lile Gibbons for her leadership and her fellow Sub Committee members for their work and dedication to the process. Sub Committee Chairman Gibbons, in turn, thanked her fellow Commission Members, as well as all those in Town government and the members of the general public, who had taken the time to discuss and comment on the draft Plan. She emphasized that the resulting draft reflects the contributions of all.

Going around the meeting table, Commission members shared their support in their own words.

- Don Carlson “Satisfied with the final Plan.”
- Frank Mazza “Satisfied and pleased that we have finally reached a final Harbor Management Plan.”
- Bernie Armstrong “Very pleased with the Plan and thank entire Commission for their contributions to the Plan.”
- Bruce Angiolillo “Fully support this Plan.”
- Lile Gibbons “Wish to express my gratitude for all the comments and support.”
- Peter Quigley “I support this well written Plan.”
- Steve Kinner “This is an absolutely amazing Plan.”
- Bill Ingraham “This is a quite impressive Plan and I fully support it.”

Mr. Quigley requested that the Minutes reflect his concerns about the power of the Board of Selectmen to review actions of the Harbor Management Commission, something that is acknowledged in the draft Plan. He stated that review of Commission actions by the Board of Selectmen has the potential to inject politics into the Commission’s work. Chairman Angiolillo noted that the Commission lacks the capacity to change the Special Acts or Chapter 7A of the Town Code, which reserve such review power to the Board of Selectmen. He committed to Mr. Quigley that the Minutes would note his concern.

Mr. Steadman reported that all references in the draft Plan to the “Office of Long Island Sound” will be changed to “Land and Water Resource Division.”
Chairman Angiolillo, noting that there appeared to be a consensus on the revised draft Plan, invited a Motion to approve the Plan, as revised.

Motion to approve the revised draft Plan, as amended by the edits and additions set forth in the December 15 memorandum and as further modified at this Special Meeting, was made by Bernie Armstrong, seconded by Steve Kinner. Motion carried (Unanimous).

3. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Peter Quigley, seconded by Steve Kinner. Motion carried (Unanimous).

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Bruce Angiolillo
Chairman

Mike Van Oss
Secretary

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