

# DRAFT

Town of Greenwich  
Harbor Management Commission  
Meeting  
March 16, 2016  
7:00 P.M.  
Mazza Room, Town Hall

## MINUTES

### Members in attendance:

Frank Mazza, Chairman  
Bruce Angiolillo, Secretary  
Peter Quigley  
Lile Gibbons  
Mike Van Oss

### Alternates:

Gary Silberberg

### Absent:

Steve Kinner  
James Bonney  
Bernard Armstrong - Alternate

### EX-Officio Attendance:

Ian MacMillan - Harbormaster  
Lt. John Brown – Police Department  
Horst Tebbe - RTM  
John Toner – Board of Selectmen

### Absent:

Roger Bowgen – Shellfish Commission  
Sue Baker – Conservation Commission  
Jeff Freidag – Department of Parks & Recreation  
Rick Loh – Board of Parks and Recreation  
Amy Siebert – Department of Public Works  
Andy Fox – Planning & Zoning Commission

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Chairman Frank Mazza.  
Chairman Mazza announced that Alternate Member Gary Silberberg was seated
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
Gary Silberberg requested that a copy of letter sent to mooring applicants be attached to February minutes.

Peter Quigley made a motion to change January minutes. Chairman Mazza ruled Quigley motion out of order and would not open January minutes.

Peter Quigley appealed Chairman Mazza's ruling, seconded by Gary Silberberg.

A vote was taken to uphold the decision of the Chairman not to open the January minutes.

VOTE: In Favor - 4 (Mazza, Angiolillo, Gibbons, Van Oss. Against – Quigley, Silberberg

Motion by Mike Van Oss, seconded by Lile Gibbons to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Motion carried 5 in Favor (Mazza, Angiolillo, Gibbons, Van Oss, Silberberg  
1 Against – Quigley

### 3. Chairman Updates

#### a. EPA Hearing – March 2, 2016

Chairman Mazza explained details and outcome of March 2, 2016 EPA Hearing.

#### b. Chairman Mazza provided update on Mianus River Dredging

#### c. Chairman Mazza attended the P & Z hearing on property located at 89 River Road. P & Z is presently working on permits for three combined properties for Rowing Clubs.

#### d. Rowing Club Meeting – A meeting was held on March 9th at Mianus River Boat & Yacht Club with three rowing clubs, State Agencies and representatives of the Greenwich Police Department in attendance. The meeting was very informative and successful. A lively discussion with questions and comments took place.

Lt. Brown shared the thoughts and concerns of the Greenwich Police Marine Division.

#### e. On Line Mooring System – Chairman Mazza reported the contract with Fandotech has been terminated on a congenial basis with both parties agreeing that the contract can be renewed in the future if the need arises.

### 4. Mooring Regulation Update

Bruce Angiolillo reported on February 23<sup>rd</sup> Sub-Committee meeting. The meeting was attended by 21 people from various Boards and interests. Bruce discussed the details and interests expressed at that meeting.

### 5. Harbormaster Report

Harbormaster Ian McMillan read his report. Copy attached.

### 6. Discussion on Standing Committees

Chairman Mazza announced the creation of four Standing Committees as listed in the proposed Harbor Management Plan.

#### 1. Finance

#### 2. Long Range Planning

#### 3. Moorings

#### 4. Application Review

Chairman Mazza requested any member willing to serve on a specific committee to please let him know. There was a discussion concerning whether, and to what extent, non-Commission Members may participate on Committees.

### 7. Sub Committee Report on final draft of Harbor Management Plan

Lile Gibbons explained in detail steps that have taken place to get this far. This plan will be posted on line within the next week.

Bruce Angiolillo offered sincere thanks to Lile Gibbons and Geoff Steadman for their patience and hard work.

Motion by Bruce Angiolillo, seconded by Mike Van Oss to forward complete draft of proposed Harbor Management Plan to Board of Selectmen and DEEP.

Vote: FOR: 5 - Mazza, Angiolillo, Quigley, Gibbons, Van Oss AGAINST: 1 – Silberberg

8. Old Business

- a. Bernie Armstrong Ad Hoc Committee – postponed to April Meeting.
- b. Peter Quigley motion on Harbormaster fees – postponed to April Meeting.
- c.

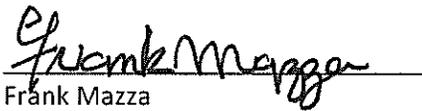
9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Van Oss, seconded by Lile Gibbons.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 .P.M.

  
Frank Mazza  
Chairman

  
Penny Monahan  
Acting Secretary

### 3/16/16 Harbormaster Report

1. On 2/<sup>24</sup>~~17~~/16 after the HMC meeting at 10:30pm. The HM got a call from the dockmaster at the Delamar hotel that the wind and waves from a strong southerly storm were straining the dock lines to their breaking point. The HM put on his boots and foul weather gear, checked in with the marine police and headed to the docks. We fought breaking lines, short, square 4 foot waves and 75 knot winds until the tide changed and the wind died down around 12:15. We then bailed, retied, checked fenders and checked all the vessels on both the Delamar and the Gen Re docks until we were satisfied that we could do no more at about 2am.
2. On or about 1/15/16 in Cos Cob, red nun buoy #8 south of the "Bricks" rock was reported missing and the Harbormaster reported this to the USCG sector Long Island Sound. It was replaced 1/27/16 with a temporary foam unit until a later date when a Coast Guard recovery vessel will drag for the presumed sunk buoy so it can be raised and replaced.
3. The Harbormaster in rebuttal of Mr. Mazza's comments to the BET submits the following accounting of permit fees to clarify some facts. 2012,2913,2914,2015 are represented.
4. As I reported to the Harbor Management Committee at its January 19, 2016 meeting, we have the following approximant breakdown of moorings in town:

2015 total moorings	805
2015 Yacht Club moorings	347
Private moorings	458

Private mooring applications received:

2012	131
2013	213
2014	235
2015	228 (347 club), 575 total

In 2015 the total number of applications sent out to known mooring owners with known locations was 346, (not to be confused with the total number of yacht club moorings - 347), more than has ever been sent out before, and which represents exhaustive work in locating and identifying moorings and their owners.

5. The slow no wake signs were misspelled as YOUR ARE IN A SLOW NO WAKE ZONE, so they had to be sent back for correction.
6. Penny reported to me yesterday that she sent out 220 mooring applications on Monday to those who paid last season. That leaves 235 moorings without applications to be filed or paid.
7. The HM attended a meeting about rowing safety held by the Greenwich Marine Police. It was pointed out that rowers or paddlecraft do not have a right of way over other vessels and

may be looked upon as the burdened vessel in every instance. Common sense and safety when in close quarters with a rower must prevail. All boaters on the Mianus River this season must keep in mind that low tides and bridge closings will cause traffic problems until we are dredged in October. The HM sent a list of bridge closings to Lile Gibbons to disperse to the HMC.

8. The HM was sent a public notice from the ACoFE of the proposed replacement and revision of the Department of the Army Connecticut General Permit (GP)

Please see to it that this report is written into the minutes

Dutifully submitted: Ian Macmillan, Harbormaster, Greenwich

2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Mooring Fee Payment Summary

2012

(Note: Mooring fee was \$100.00 for 2012)

Total Yacht Club Payments	40550.00
Individual Mooring Payments	<u>12900.00</u>
Grand Total	53450.00

2013

(Note: Mooring fee was reduced from \$100.00 in 2012 to \$75.00 in 2013)

Total Yacht Club Payments	27600.00
Individual Mooring Payments	<u>16375.00</u> (12025.00 in 2013 + 4350.00 made in
Total	43975.00 2014 retroactive for 2013)

2014

Total Yacht Club Payments	27825.00
Individual Mooring Payments	<u>18600.00</u>
<u>Total Payments for 2014</u>	46425.00
Payments made in 2014 for 2013	4350.00
2014 Payments that were refunded	<u>150.00</u>
Total Payments Received in 2014	50925.00

2015

Total Yacht Club Payments	25625.00
Individual Mooring Payments	<u>16425.00</u>
<u>Total Payments in 2015 and for 2015</u>	42050.00

The above summary shows net total payments for 2014 as 46,425.00, and net total payments for 2015 as 42,050.00, with a difference of 4,375.00. The yacht club portion for 2014 was 27,825 versus 25,625 for 2015 (a difference of 2,200.00), and the Individual mooring portion was 18,600.00 in 2014 versus 16,425.00 in 2015 (a difference of 2,175.00). Total payments that were made in 2014 was 50,925.00 which reflects 4,250.00 made retroactively in 2014 for 2013, and 150.00 that was refunded. Although more renewal applications were sent out in 2015 than in previous years, there were fewer applications returned and fewer payments because there was a less assertive follow up to contact delinquent boaters. In early 2014, many boaters who failed to submit 2013 applications were directly contacted and asked to renew for 2014 and retroactively for 2013.

It should be noted that individual mooring payments of \$16375.00 made in 2013 were less than 2014 or 2015, even though many of the payments were made retroactively in 2014 after an assertive follow up in contacting delinquent boaters. Individual payments of \$12900.00 made in 2012 were even lower than 2013, 2014, and 2015, despite the higher fee of \$100.00 versus \$75.00 for 2013, 2014, and 2015.

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## Harbor Management Commission Sub-committee Report March 16, 2016

This is a red-letter day for us. We have a second draft finished of the HMC plan, dated March 2016, which we have been working on for close to two years. This draft incorporates all the addendum edits which the HMC has discussed and approved since our first draft was posted in August, 2015 as well as current maps and diagrams. I have to thank our consultant, Geoff Steadman, for the many hours he has put in and extra meetings he has attended to guide us through this process.

The August, 2015 draft was posted online and sent to the Selectmen's office and the town's legal department for review.

The Commission has since received comment from P&Z, Inland Wetlands, the Conservation Commission, the Shellfish Commission, and the Marine Division of the Police Department, the Public Health Department, and the Town's Legal Department, the commodores of the town's public and private yacht clubs, local attorneys, local boaters and many other interested parties.

The sub-committee and the full committee have taken all agency and public comment seriously as it adds to the integrity of a HM plan in creating a policy document that reflects local input and control. The Shellfish Commission and the Conservation Commission entirely rewrote the descriptions of their agencies, which we included in their entirety into the latest draft. The Director of P&Z sent in very extensive edits to our August 2015 draft, essentially a total rewrite both in content and in form. We discussed her layout and decided we preferred the chapter and organizational style already incorporated into our plan. However, we improved on the wording in the introduction to insure readers the HMC plan complements the Greenwich POCD and the HMC works with the land use agencies. I think we have said that in numerous places in the plan.

For instance, on page 1-2 in chapter one, the original document said the HM plan is distinct from the Greenwich POCD. The current version says the plan is "consistent with the principles outlined in the 2009 Greenwich POCD. The plan and the POCD are consistent and complementary documents." We also wrote in more specific detail, to give greater guidelines to IWW in addressing water quality and to the DEEP in permitting of piers and docks, without turning this document into a "how-to" manual, which it is not. In addressing issues of water quality, at the suggestion of IWW, we wrote of the need to reduce chemical fertilizers and pesticides, the amount of pollution generated by wildlife and domestic animals, and seepage from poorly functioning septic systems.

I want to thank Roger Bowgen and Susie Baker from the Shellfish Commission who contributed useful wording on the permitting of piers in residential coves. We need policies that reflect the historical neighborhood of these coves to give the DEEP local guidelines in reviewing applications for outsized piers and docks and reasons to

possibly turn down some of the applications or require them to be more conforming to existing structures.

All of these comments and edits were written into the addendum to the August, 2015 plan. The edits were discussed in detail in our 19 subcommittee meetings, and then brought to the full commission for review and approval.

The only addition to this draft since our last meeting is a reference in chapter 6, 3 (e) which clarifies that “all mooring locations in the federal anchorage in Greenwich Harbor will be properly permitted by the Harbor Master.....and managed in accordance with any duly approved agreements and orders consistent with local, state, and federal requirements.”

I would entertain a motion to refer this completed draft to the Selectmen’s office for review and send a copy to John Gaucher at the DEEP for a “soft” review, i.e., so that he will let us know if we have any serious omissions. We do expect comments from both the Selectmen and Mr. Gaucher which will necessitate an additional sub-committee meeting(s) to review and make edits which we will bring to the full committee for discussion and approval. After which, we will send a final copy back to the DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers for a detailed review. They have sixty days to comment. We will meet again as a sub-committee to review any changes and edits if necessary, then ultimately the plan will go the RTM for adoption, hopefully sometime this fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lile Gibbons, Chair, HMC sub-committee

Motion made, seconded and approved, 6-1.