

Town of Guilford, CT
Harbor Management Commission
Town Hall, Park Street Guilford, CT 06437

A meeting of the Town of Guilford's Harbor Management Commission was held at
7:30 PM, Wednesday, February 28, 2018

**Town Hall
Upstairs in Selectman's Wing**

Members Present: Commission Chairman John Thommen, KJ Lee, Chris Tietjen, Keith Harvey

Members Absent: Theresa Hedleston

Others Present: CT State Appointed Guilford Harbormaster Fred Brisbois

Members of the Public Present: Jack Evans and Patrick Doyle, Guilford Yacht Club

APPROVED MINUTES

Commission Chairman John Thommen called the meeting to order at 7:31PM.

- **Public Forum:** Jack Evans, GYC:

Dredging project at GYC was discussed; hydraulic dredging 100% this year with upland spoils. 273.66 regulation. This has been presented to the PZC.

The Town is requesting use of these spoils for marsh restoration on the west side of town. Town of Guilford has applied for a NOAA grant.

Fred- will town have spoils on GYC site? JE- Town will most likely not be keeping spoils on GYC site. John will review packet and the CT DEEP application to see if Harbor Management Commission approval is needed/required for this. Jack stated DEEP should be forwarding applications to the Commission. Fred noted lack of DEEP follow through in recent times.

Mooring applications: Jack discussed the modifications of mooring permits to add 3 more pilings to attach floats. These pilings are located in the West River, North of "D" dock. Jack distributed handouts to the Commissioners depicting existing vs. proposed moorings.

Fred Brisbois stated the original approved application was not configured as what was seen on site in Fall of 2017. (platform less than 100 square feet, tied between 2 points, unattached to land or any other structure)

John stated the third northernmost piling also needs to be reviewed by the Shellfish Commission. Jack responded to the Commission regarding the size of the platforms; they were a donation, and not yet cut to final size at the time Fred visited the site in the fall of 2017. He and the others on the Committee (Sailing Program?) will put a clearer plan together and meet with Fred.

John is concerned attaching to the main dock would become a DEEP issue. The Commission is willing to support GYC's youth sailing program, but this needs to be done properly. John will recuse himself from any voting on this issue; feels there is a conflict of interest, being a boat owner at GYC. John also suggested Jack look at an older DEEP permit regarding their dinghy storage as DEEP permits have a 5 year life span.

Chris Tietjen asked if it was allowable to "double tie" floats between two sets of pilings? Fred was unsure. Chris also asked if there was a permit in place for anchor point "C".

Jack replied there was not- only A & B had been approved. A helix anchor vs. piling was

discussed for “C”; Fred stated a mooring application will be required regardless of which is chosen. Given the map and plan provided at this time, there are a total of (9) mooring permits that need renewal or applications. Jack believes they currently have (8), with (1) not approved. The Commission will revisit this issue at next month’s meeting. Fred, John and Keith would like Jack and the GYC to meet with the Shellfish Commission. Fred asked Jack to take the letter he sent in the fall of 2017 to the Committee at the GYC and come up with a plan; as what was distributed this evening was inaccurate and unclear.

Jack Evans and Patrick Doyle left the meeting at 8:03PM.

The site conditions in the fall of 2017 were further discussed by Fred and Chris. John and Fred again suggested a plan be presented/sent to the Harbor Management Commission prior to next month’s meeting. Chris asked if their plan does not pass approval, would that shelf the youth sailing program? John replied no, it wouldn’t. The sailing program has been held successfully in past years without these configurations.

- **Approval of the 1/24/2018 meeting minutes:**
Keith Harvey made a motion to approve the January 24th, 2018 meeting minutes with no changes; KJ Lee seconded; all approved.
- **State Harbormasters Report:**



STATE HARBOR MASTER TOWN OF GUILFORD, CT



To: Harbor Management Commission
Re: Monthly Report
Dt: 28 Feb 2018

Summary of Harbor Master activities since the last Harbor Management Commission meeting:

STATE ACTIVITIES:

- Attended webinar on Long Island Sound Blue Plan. Forwarded link to minutes and presentation to the Harbor Management Commission and Marina Commission Chairman.

INTERFACE WITH TOWN BOARDS /COMMISSIONS/OFFICES/ASSOCIATIONS:

- None

MOORINGS:

- Had one inquiry from citizen wanting to renew his mooring permit.
- Created template for Online Mooring 2018 Renewal Notice.

- Plan to send out 195 renewal notices prior to March 15, 2018

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS/OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Investigated report of a vessel underwater with pointed upwards off Mulberry Point Road. Vessel was a kayak that had been submerged for quite some time. Will explore feasibility of recovering vessel later this spring.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Brisbois
Connecticut Harbor Master
Town of Guilford

Mooring buoy decals...unless we want to enforce how decals are displayed...unsure if good idea. FB to KH- have you a need to see renewals? KH no, just new. FB-renewals go from CT to KH if new, just FB to CT if renewed.

RE kayak- FB PB may retrieve soon. CT may try as well
FB received letter of thanks from the Guilford Foundation.

- **Treasurers Report:**

Chris Tietjen distributed financial statement to the Commission.
\$1000.00 has been contributed to the Alison Varian Scholarship Fund.
Fred received a letter of thanks from Guilford Foundation regarding the Commission's scholarship contribution.
"HMC Risk Management Fund" was changed from "Hazard Mitigation Fund".
John asked Chris if funds were recovered from Sachems Head. Chris replied that they were; the check was issued. Chris will check back with Sandra Offredi to ensure check was applied to the Commission.

John asked if the Commission would be contributing to The Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship annually? Chris replied yes, but will need to be voted on yearly.
KJ made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; Keith seconded; all approved.

- **Approval of Bills and Vouchers:**

Joan Dudley: \$51.00 for January 2018 meeting/minutes. Keith made a motion to approve this bill; Chris seconded; all approved.

- **New Business:**

Town of Guilford, Old Quarry Road. DEEP Application. Changed ID of Old Quarry Road. The Commission has signed and returned this permit.

Keith explained the Shellfish Commission would like to have a fundraiser of sorts, possibly in conjunction with the Harbor Management Commission. A “mini oysterfest”. John stated the Commission is supportive of this endeavor. Keith will keep the Commission in the loop on that idea.

Pete Beauvais asked Fred if he wanted to join him on an exploratory mission with sonar to locate abandoned moorings. Good opportunity. Only two other boats in the state have this capability.

- **Old Business:**
Oceanco- DEEP Permit- soil placement 485 Whitfield Street
JT all set- time will tell if soil holds.
- **Adjourn:** Chris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. John seconded; all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Dudley

Secretary