

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, April 25, 2018

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

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Theresa Hedleston

**Others Present: CT State Appointed Guilford Harbormaster Fred Brisbois
Members of the public present: Jack Evans, Mert Gollaher- Guilford Yacht Club**

Commission Chairman John Thommen called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

- **Public Forum:**

Jack Evans- Guilford Yacht Club, gave the Commission an update on mooring applications, and reported on the progress of permit applications.

The Guilford Yacht Club Youth Sailing program has been well attended and is expected to have all spaces filled again this summer. The GYC is looking into how to expand this program but currently unsure how to do that. Jack noted there is one collegiate sailor that has come out of the Youth Sailing program. Jack and Mert thank the Commission for its ongoing support.

Jack distributed handouts to the Commission, showing an overview of the location. Upper L corner of photo GYC, west river, chaffinch island. Page 2- original mooring approval. This year needs one change- between string 1 and 2. They would like to move string 1 to buoy in deeper water, which would result in a 400yard change to W1. GYC have paid for mooring but have not made move. All these will be single moorings. Move from East to West side of channel. Fred approves, as long as the coordinates on ONLINE mooring reflect what is in place.

Page 3- Inner harbor- reference- indicates shellfish bed area

Page 4- Indicates current placement of pilings and proposed placement.

John Thommen asked Fred Brisbois if he saw any issues with this proposal. Fred replied no, but that he could not speak for DEEP. Temporary. Keith program dock 1 permitted? JT no? JT at end of day, safety float must be pivoted back. Fred asked if 3 floats were positioned close enough to go between them? Jack Evans replied yes they were. Cleat to D dock? JE yes. KJ floats 100sqft? JE yes, each are 100sqft or less.

The floats are independently attached to pilings, using a Kevlar strap to fiberglass piling. John T West river- 5 mooring permits. Chris said the state permit doesn't specifically state each float requires separate pilings. Fred questioned DEEP "association with another dock" terminology. Jack informed the Commission the Guilford Yacht Club wants to be in compliance.

John feels this would be, as long as the safety float is moved accordingly. Mert Gollaher stated the reasoning for all of this is to keep the Youth Sailing program as far away from larger vessels as possible. Fred doesn't have issue. Size of the float, attachment are issues.

Keith asked Jack when the Guilford Yacht Club was planning to get permit for top piling. Jack stated the Yacht Club has been working with an Engineer on what will be a 2-4 year project; started last year. Fred asked Jack if applications for the other 2 had been submitted. Jack replied that yes they had been, as of the morning of this meeting. Fred located this application on the ONLINE mooring system.

Chris asked for clarification on what was permitted and what was not. Jack replied 2 floats were permitted.

John asked if the articulating dock would be resting on bottom at mean low tide? Mert and Jack answered no, it would not, with the possible exception of a "supermoon" event. John asked if the docks have feet? Jack replied that they do. The Yacht Club will be working to cut back docks they currently have to meet compliance for square footage. John asked for clarification on mooring permits being submitted, and verification of coordinates.

Jack stated there are 2 new applications and 1 move, for a total of 12 permits. The Commission thanked Jack and Mert for attending and presenting this evening. They left the meeting at 8:00 PM.

John is concerned about the articulating dock; it really needs to be moved daily with the sailing program.

No action to be taken at this time. Fred feels that this is a common sense approach to a temporary problem. Fred sees room for interpretation. Keith Harvey- curious about yet unpermitted pier. Fred informed Keith GYC will be applying for another piling. John and Keith stated this also needs to be presented to the Shellfish Commission, due to the proximity to shellfish beds. John asked Fred if he was comfortable with this application. Fred replied that yes, he was.

- **Approval of the 3/28/2018 meeting minutes:** Chris asked that the dollar amount on fund balance be changed to: \$21552.80. Keith made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, KJ seconded, all approved.
- **State Harbormasters Report:**



THE OLD STONE HOUSE

STATE HARBOR MASTER TOWN OF GUILFORD, CT



To: Harbor Management Commission

Re: Monthly Report
Dt: 25 Apr 2018

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

STATE ACTIVITIES:

- Accepted invite to a Harbor Master training and education workshop on Friday, May 4, 2018 at DEEP Marine Headquarters, Old Lyme, CT.
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INTERFACE WITH TOWN BOARDS /COMMISSIONS/OFFICES/ASSOCIATIONS:

- Met with Representatives of Guilford Yacht Club (GYC), Jack Evans and Merton Gollaher, on Friday April 13 to define mooring permit requirements and GYC requirements for additional floats for their sailing program. It was agreed that the GYC could apply for two additional permits: one for a float to the North of the two floats already permitted and one to the East of the most Southern existing permitted float and share a piling with the existing permitted float. The float with the shared piling will be secured on the other end with a mushroom anchor below the high tide line. When necessary to access the sailing club floats, the float will be detached from the mushroom anchor and pivoted among the piling to allow access from GYC's D dock. When not in use, it will be secured to the mushroom anchor. GYC will submit sketches for new applications on Monday, April 16.

MOORINGS:

- 88 of 200 Mooring permit renewals approved (same as 2017)
- 11 renewal permit applications in process
- 2 new mooring permit applications in process

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS/OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- None

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Brisbois
Connecticut Harbor Master
Town of Guilford

- Treasurers Report: Chris does not have current expenses/statement as of this meeting John- review budget- same as last year, with the addition to Alison Varian Scholarship Fund. Seems revenues are low as a budget item "charges for services". John asked how many moorings we had last year- Fred replied 202. Keith noted the ONLINE mooring fee had changed from 5 to 6 dollars. Doesn't seem to be reflected here. Chris would like to know how to view this info online. Fred advised Chris how to view during the meeting.
JT 202x25, add \$3500.00 from the Sachem's Head Yacht Club=\$8500.00.

ONLINE revenue- expense side. 20% hefty. Line item expense. ONLINE mooring services will be name of new line item on expense side. \$1200.00 John made a motion to accept budget as discussed; KJ seconded, all approved.

- Approval of Bills and Vouchers: \$34.00 Joan Dudley- Secretarial services for March 28th, 2018 meeting/minutes. KJ made a motion to approve this bill, Keith seconded, all approved.
- New Business:
Keith Harvey to present information on State HMC Blue Campaign.
Keith stated that upon attending the meeting, the Blue Plan seems to have nothing to do with DEEP, but instead seems to be an inventory of plant/animal life along the shoreline. Anything below 6'... A unified plan about what to do with the water. A proposed bridge from Long Island to Bridgeport was discussed at the meeting. Another item involved pipelines moving to/from LI and CT.
JT- John Pinto? Harbor Management Association?
The State of Connecticut is running this plan/progam. It doesn't have much to do with Harbor Management Commission, but the Commission should be aware of this.
John asked who is responsible for collecting this data. Keith reported that right now the Blue Plan is doing this. He stated the Blue Plan was unaware of the ONLINE mooring system as a data resource. The Commission looked at what other shoreline towns utilize ONLINE mooring system. FB noted 7 harbors currently use ONLINE mooring. Keith informed the Commission that public comments will be accepted on the Blue Plan until sometime in May.

The Shellfish Commission will be having an event to benefit the Alison Varian Memorial Scholarship Fund on June 10th at the Guilford Fairgrounds. Keith reported tickets will be sold for this event. It will be at least 3 hours long, most likely from 10AM-1PM.

- **Old Business:**
John asked for an update on mooring shank removal now that weather is improving. Pete Beauvais said he had not coordinated with Fred Milnes about this as of today's meeting date. There was a hardware issue with the sonar, but it has since been resolved.
- **Adjourn:**
KJ made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM; Keith seconded, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan M. Dudley
Recording Secretary