

Town of Guilford, CT
Harbor Management Commission
Town Hall, 31 Park Street Guilford, CT 06437

A meeting of the Town of Guilford's Harbor Management Commission was held at
7:30 PM, Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018

**Town Hall
Upstairs in Selectman's Wing
31 Park Street, Guilford, CT**

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

Members Absent: Pete Beauvais

**Others Present: CT State Appointed Guilford Harbormaster Fred Brisbois
Members of the Public Present: none**

APPROVED MINUTES

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

- **Public Forum:** John Lust, Presentation regarding proposed project at 384 Clapboard Hill Road: John was not able to present this evening. He will be in attendance at next month's meeting to present all (4) projects he is currently working on.
- **Approval of the 7/25/2018 meeting minutes:** KJ made a motion to approve the July 25th, 2018 minutes without changes; Keith Harvey seconded; all approved.
- **State Harbormasters Report:**



STATE HARBOR MASTER TOWN OF GUILFORD, CT



To: Harbor Management Commission
Re: Monthly Report
Dt: 22 August 2018

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

STATE ACTIVITIES:

- None

INTERFACE WITH TOWN BOARDS /COMMISSIONS/OFFICES/ASSOCIATIONS:

- Contacted Doug Baldwin, Little Harbor Association, regarding moorings in Little Harbor that were not renewed. As always, Mr. Baldwin was very responsive and helpful. Two mooring renewals were subsequently submitted, one confirmed to have relocated vessel to Guilford Yacht Club and one permit holder no longer reside in Little Harbor.

MOORINGS:

- Sent letters on July 30 to 30 permit holders who had not renewed their 2016 or 2017 permits.
- Current status:
 - 198 mooring permits approved
 - 187 renewals
 - 11 new applications
 - 1 permit applications in process
 - 13 renewals outstanding from 2017
- Patrolled Joshua Cove with Warden Hill in Shellfish Commission boat for 1.3 hours. GFD Fireboat was not available due to scheduled training. Four (4) Notices issued. Shellfish Commission chairman was upset because he had planned to use boat for water sampling. Warden Hill had not been advised by Commission of planned usage resulting in his scheduling boat for my use.
- Drove to Trolley Road to follow-up on 4 notices put on moorings/vessel in Joshua Cove on Aug 8. I was approached by Richard Petrillo who already has 2 mooring permits and one of the Notices was on a mooring he had recently put in due to the loss of tackle on one of his permitted moorings (GH063). I changed the location of GH063 to the location of the newly installed mooring. Mr. Petrillo will submit a new application if he is able to recover the lost tackle for the original GH063. During our conversation Mr. Petrillo volunteered to contact Mr. Sutcliff, the owners of the two other mooring that had Notices. Mr. Sutcliff was traveling out of country. Thanks to Mr. Petrillo for his assistance which resulted in renewal of both permits. I was also approached by Richard Munson who has one mooring permit but recently put a vessel (CT9570) on an abandoned mooring. I mailed Mr. Munson a permit application for the new mooring.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS/OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Received notice of an OnLine Mooring Training session in Falmouth, Maine on Nov 15.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Brisbois

Connecticut Harbor Master

Town of Guilford

Discussion:

Fred Brisbois additionally reported a Zodiac was recently located without a registration. Property manager to contact owner in CA to register this boat.

The handling of Sachem's Head Yacht Club permits was discussed. Fred replied the Sachem's Head Yacht Club obtains their own permitting from DEEP. A resident shouldn't be denied a permit if they live(d) on the harbor, but were not members of the Yacht Club. John Thommen reported a 4-year waitlist for mooring permits there. The Commission still receives \$25.00 per mooring from the Sachems Head Yacht Club in a lump sum check payment yearly.

John Thommen reported the Guilford Yacht Club has the "swinging" dock permanently fixed to D dock. A condition of Commission approval was to swing this dock out of the way so it was not an appendage for the dock. The youth sailing program is almost over, so unsure what to do about this now. Fred and Scott, the Dockmaster at the Guilford Yacht Club met briefly.

KJ made a motion to approve Fred's report as submitted; CT seconded; all approved.

- **Treasurers Report:**

Chris did not receive a statement this month from the Finance Department.

- **Approval of Bills and Vouchers:**

Joan Dudley- \$34.00 for Secretarial Services.

Keith Harvey made a motion to approve this bill; KJ Lee seconded; all approved.

- **New Business:**

Committee member renewals- John Thommen reported that KJ Lee and Chris Tietjen have been appointed for another term on the Harbor Management Commission. Keith Harvey asked if that was automatic. Chris Tietjen informed Keith Harvey he notified the Selectman's Office of his intention to serve another term via email.

Discuss two candidates for alternate members of the Commission-moved from Old Business. KJ Lee reported he has found two potential candidates for Alternate Commissioners. The first is Marilyn Garcia, who is very active in her congregation and in the Guilford community. The second is Joe Anastasio. Both are Sachem's Head residents. Both will be invited to the September meeting. John Thommen suggested a quick Question & Answer session with each individual candidate after the Public Forum with John Lust at the September 26th, 2018 meeting. Joe's session will be at 7:45PM, Marilyn's will be at 8PM.

John Thommen received an email from Theresa Hedleston. It stated she would be resigning as an Alternate Commissioner at the end of her term, but would continue to support the Commission regarding moorings in the Leete's Island area.

Port Authority- John Thommen reported no additional information on the Port Authority itself at this time. They are currently focusing on New London, Bridgeport, and New Haven. 15 million dollars for the Port Authority have been appropriated from the State for improvement to the State Pier.

Port Authority Dredging Funds- John Thommen reported there are 4 million dollars in dredging funds available for communities. Applications should come from the town Harbor Management Commissions themselves, not the Towns where the Harbor Management Commissions are located. John Thommen said if the Commission submits an application sooner rather than later, as the funds are not yet widely known about, it may be possible to receive funding for dredging the East and West Rivers.

Fred Brisbois discussed recent applications for upland dredging spoils disposal. John Thommen noted it does not matter how dredging spoils are disposed of, just that there are funds available to do so. Fred Brisbois asked if the Commission should apply for funds for specific area(s) of town, or in general, and then appropriate as it sees fit. Keith Harvey asked who would manage this. Chris Tietjen asked if the Commission decides who is deserving of the funds, since the Commission would need to submit the application. John Thommen replied yes, the Commission would decide who would receive the funds. Fred Brisbois suggested that Bernie from the Marina Commission contact us with requirements/quote for Town Marina dredging. John Thommen would like to pursue this. The Commission to explore possibility of State Dredging Funds. Bernie from the Marina Commission and the Guilford Yacht Club should be invited to a meeting where this will be discussed further. Fred Brisbois noted that the marina is a Town marina; the channel is a Federal channel. Keith Harvey asked if we would be permitted to dredge a Federal channel. John Thommen and Fred Brisbois replied yes, but an application to do so would need to be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers.

60 applications at State Pier. There is 25' at MLT at this location. The state is looking to add a crane on dock for unloading cargo. Could be a large revenue generator.

2.9% sales tax on new boats vs over 6% previously. Local boatyards report uptick in work due to the competitive pricing.

- **Old Business:**

Certificate of Permission Application for Eversource- Water Street- Chris Tietjen could not find signature page after looking through the application a second time. John Thommen reviewed the application; appears to be a courtesy mailing. Joan Dudley to file.

Discuss two candidates for alternate members of the Commission- Discussed under new business.

Discuss development of rules for the Harbor Management Commission- John Thommen said as long as town guidelines are followed, no need to reinvent the wheel.

Keith Harvey provided an update on the Shellfish Commission's upcoming event to benefit the Alison Varian Scholarship Fund. It will be held on the Guilford Fairgrounds September 8th, 2018 from 12-3PM. The cost is \$25.00 per ticket, which includes two drink tickets and all the oysters you can eat. Volunteers are still needed- any time after 12PM. If anyone would like tickets to sell, contact Stephen Goldschmidt. John Thommen asked if the Harbor Management Commission would be mentioned as donors. Keith Harvey will make sure the Commission is mentioned.

- **Adjourn:**

KJ Lee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 PM; 1 Chrs Tietjen seconded, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan M. Dudley
Recording Secretary