

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

GUILFORD TOWN HALL
20 FEB 12 PM 1:00

A meeting of the Town of Guilford's Harbor Management Commission was held at
7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020

Please note location change for this meeting only:

Town Hall- Second floor, Selectman's Wing
31 Park Street
Guilford, CT 06437

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

Members Absent: Pete Beauvais (excused)

Alternates Present: Bonnie Burns, Joe Anastasio

Others Present: CT State Appointed Guilford Harbormaster Fred Brisbois

Members of the Public Present: Robert Sonnichsen, Waldo and Associates;
John B. Lust, Jack Evans, Mert Gollaher, Guilford Yacht Club.

DRAFT MINUTES

Commission Chair John Thommen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

- **Public Forum:** Robert Sonnichsen, Waldo and Associates: Bennet Hall, 135 Old Quarry Road (Narrows Island) DEEP Application to retain existing dock. Property was subdivided into 2 parcels in the summer of 2019. CAM permit approved summer 2019. DEEP has no issues, but permit needs to be reviewed by GHMC. There are 2 docks on site, only one is permitted. PZC conditioned approval based on DEEP application for 2nd dock, which was not pre-existing to 1995. Unsure on history. Pier attached to rocky shorefront; small area extends MHW 8'x12' floating dock. No piles, held to shore by chain. The dock is seasonally removed. DEEP comments-possible nesting tern activity in this area. Floating dock and ramp removed in November by Fischer Excavating, Reinstalled in May. Positive comment from CT state. Guilford SC reviewed the application but noted the shellfish beds adjacent to this property are located in Branford. Form was then signed off on by Branford's Shellfish Commission. Robert reported the dock configuration will not change, permit application is only for compliance. MLW in that area is -1'. Depth -5'/-6'. ACOE stated dock needs lifts if resting on substrate at any point. Water 4'-5' deep at dock, but if feet required on dock per DEEP they will be installed. Keith Harvey asked for confirmation the site is in Guilford and not Branford. Robert replied that it is in Guilford, and distributed map showing coordinates for Narrows Island as well within Guilford boundary. John Thommen informed Robert the Commission can return form to him via email. Robert thanked the Commission for its time and left the meeting at 7:11PM.

John B. Lust- Guilford Yacht Club DEEP permit- John is an engineer from Branford and is the permitting agent for this application regarding the GYC Sailing program. North end of area. Currently operating under local mooring permits. This application is to make the previous floating dock system an official part of the GYC dock system. 8-6'x17' wood, blocked together 12'x68' wide structure 4 pilings. Roughly where docks have been. Fred Brisbois asked if this application was submitted, would this jeopardize these particular moorings. Mert Gollaher replied DEEP has been to GYC, and recommended this application. Working on contingency plan for summer 2020 program. Jack Evans said the docks will mostly remain in place. This area is included in 12 thousand cubic foot dredging efforts . Chris Tietjen asked if the fiberglass pilings would be reused. Mert and Jack said they would be. John noted shellfish beds are North of location. Jack explained the docks are 150' short of beds. No further north than existing. John asked if this will be perpendicular to D dock. Mert said this will be used as a face dock for instructor boats. John asked if anything would be on East side of dock. Jack replied no, the area in question is a mud flat. Mert and Jack thanked the Commission for its time and left the meeting at 7:18 PM.

John B. Lust- Pringle- 17-B East River Road: was initially reviewed prior to GHMC plan revision.

John Lust distributed plans to the Commission. Noted on sheet 5 of plans lot 17B on East River Rd. Subdivided by the original owner and purchased by Rebecca Pringle for the purpose of kayak transport to East River. Representing after plan revision. 4.2' clearance. 8' bottom elevation. Dock 100ft². Chris Tietjen asked if there would be float stops on this dock. John replied there would be float stops on the dock as required by DEEP.

John Thommen noted the Commission has gone through much effort to revise GHMC Plan, and will approve and sign off on plan now. John Lust asked the Commission to comment on the form as applicable.

John B. Lust- McClure- 132 Old Quarry Road: Charles and Elizabeth McClure. Presented DEEP consult form to authorize existing structures that predate 1995. 204' seawall. 26'x7' concrete pad leading to old 25' stone and concrete pier. Since 1996- 2.5' x 23' ramp going to 6'x30' wood and encapsulated foam floating dock. MLW -4'/5' over the length of dock. Mushroom anchors at either corner. The dock is removed for winter and stored on site. Application is only to retain features; no new construction. John Thommen asked if this extends 53' into Little Harbor, according to plans. John Lust confirmed that it does, but does not impact any other properties or navigable area there. Fred Brisbois noted there are some moorings near the area. Fred asked if the McClure's had contacted Little Harbor Association. John L replied no, he and they were unaware of the Association's existence. Fred recommended approval/inquiry/contact from LHA and gave John their contact info. John left DEEP consult forms with Commission for all projects, thanked the Commission for its time, and left the meeting at 7:36PM.

Discussion: Chris Tietjen the dock at 132 Old Quarry Road has existed for many years. Fred Brisbois noted in HMP collaboration between local harbor associations is encouraged. Chris will compose letter to LHA from GHMC informing of this project.

- **Approval of the 11/20/2019 meeting minutes:**
KJ Lee made a motion to approve the 11/20/2019 meeting minutes as submitted, Keith Harvey seconded; approved unanimously.
- **State Harbormasters Report:**



THE OLD STONE HOUSE

STATE HARBOR MASTER TOWN OF GUILFORD, CT



To: Harbor Management Commission
Re: Monthly Report
Dt: 22 January 2020

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

STATE ACTIVITIES:

In response to ACOE Public Notice regarding the kelp farm permit application, I recommended that lines and gear be limited to their being in place to the period between November 1 and May 1 versus the applicant's proposed period of October 1 through May 15, to minimize the impact on this highly utilized public waterway. They should be installed no earlier than 1 November and removed no later than May 1.

I also recommend that instead of black buoys, they be yellow or light blue to improve visibility and reduce any potential hazards. Same recommendations also provided to the First Selectman's for inclusion in their response with .cc to Sachem Head Yacht Club.

ACOE subsequently replied:

"...these two items will be incorporated into any authorization issued:

** Horizontal flotation buoys used to mitigate the position of the growing lines in the water column shall be yellow or light blue in color. The purpose of this requirement is to enhance visibility of the gear field (hazard-mitigation).*

**Horizontal growing lines at Lease SW-21 shall be installed no earlier than November 1 and shall be removed no later than May 15th of the calendar year. This condition is to minimize conflict of horizontal seaweed longlines with seasonal navigation and mitigate the potential presence of obstruction to navigation.*

Our analysis indicates that the gear timeframe identified above is the minimum needed to make the project viable. You will be provided with our assessment when the determination is finalized.

Neither SHYC or I voiced any objection to this.

INTERFACE WITH TOWN BOARDS /COMMISSIONS/OFFICES/ASSOCIATIONS:

- None

MOORINGS:

- No Activity this month

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS/OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Returned a call from Jennifer Donahue, C:860-460-6471, clerk for Old Saybrook Harbor Management Commission. The Commission had asked her to research and obtain feedback from current clients of Online Mooring. I provided positive feedback.
- Verified report from Town Marina's Dockmaster, Rod McLennan, that marker / buoy G9 was missing. Notified USCG.

Respectfully submitted,



Fred Brisbois
Connecticut Harbor Master
Town of Guilford

- **Treasurers Report:**
Chris Tietjen distributed the monthly report to the Commission.
Expenses totaled 107.65- \$61.25 Joan Dudley, \$46.40 Fred Brisbois mileage reimbursement. No income. All figures correspond w/ town's software/report.
Motion: Keith Harvey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, Bonnie Burns seconded; approved unanimously.
- **Approval of Bills and Vouchers:**
Joan Dudley- \$35.00 for Secretarial Services. Keith Harvey made a motion to approve this bill, KJ Lee seconded; approved unanimously.
Joan Dudley- \$16.98 for printer ink. Keith Harvey made a motion to approve this bill, KJ Lee seconded; approved unanimously.
- **Old Business:**
HMC Plan Amendment progress- John Thommen informed the Commission the Board of Selectmen met in December to review the submitted Plan changes, which were approved. John produced ACOE and DEEP approvals, December meeting minutes. John requested letter from Selectman's office stating the changes were approved and are now in effect. John noted this plan change took a total of 8 months.
Fred Brisbois asked if the revised plan was on the website. Keith Harvey replied that the changes had been made and are on the website.
- **New Business:**
DEEP- Sluice Creek- feasibility study to restore tidal wetlands. Fred Brisbois gave the Commissioners some history on the sluice gate. The gate was originally privately

owned, but was given to the Marina Commission to manage now that salt haying operations in Guilford have ceased. When gate needed repairs, legal counsel from Town got involved, had to go through DEEP. John Thommen asked Fred when the gate is open. Fred replied the gate opens in fall, closes in spring. DEEP wants gate open all the time. DEEP directed town to perform a flow study. KH East River eroding. John noted Agenda item as discussed, but not in scope of GHMC.

John Thommen noted the GYC has resumed dredging. Patriot Dredging is performing the work at night with a clamshell bucket. Barge is taken to commercial dumping grounds 12 miles South of New Haven. John referred Patriot Dredging to the Town Engineer.

John Thommen reported the Commission received an inquiry about the pump-out boat from local resident Bill Leete. The Commission will revisit in Spring.

Motions:

1. Robert Sonnischen, Waldo and Associates- 135 Old Quarry Road (Narrows Island) DEEP application for existing dock. Motion: Chris Tietjen made a motion to approve this application, KJ Lee seconded, approved unanimously.

2. Pringle-17 B East River Road. DEEP application to install walkway, ramp, and dock. Motion: Keith Harvey made a motion to approve this application, KJ Lee seconded, approved unanimously

3. GYC- DEEP application for fixed docks to serve youth sailing program. Motion: Chris Tietjen made a motion to approve this application, KJ Lee seconded, approved unanimously.

4 McClure-132 Old Quarry Road. DEEP application for existing dock/structures. Motion: Keith Harvey made a motion to approve this application, KJ Lee seconded, approved unanimously.

- **Harbor Management Plan Review:** will revisit at next month's meeting.
- **Adjourn:**
Keith Harvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM, KJ Lee seconded; approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan M. Dudley
Recording Secretary