

Town of Guilford
Harbor Management Commission
Regular Meeting
APPROVED Minutes
March 23, 2016 – 7:30pm
Nathanael B. Greene Community Center
32 Church Street ~ Guilford, CT 06437

Members Present: Alison Varian, Cliff McGuire, Chris Tietjen &
State Appointed Guilford Harbormaster Fred Brisbois
Members Absent: K.J. Lee & Theresa Hedleston
Alternates Present: Keith Harvey & John Thommen
Guest: Jack Evans- Guilford Yacht Club

Commissioner Varian called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Public Forum:

Mr. Jack Evans from Guilford Yacht Club Sailing Program was present to clarify moorings in application.

String 1 N of the Guilford Yacht Club in river- 2 strung together with dock in-between.
E of N6- string- 2 moorings- 2 docks/floats to pull together-equaling 96 square feet- 6x16'.

Mr. Thommen asked if this will encroach on navigation in the river?
Mr. Evans replied that it would not.

Mrs. Varian questioned how the floats will be attached. Mr. Evans states they will be attached at one end to a mooring (ball) that they will pull together for lunchtime, so kids can get on and off easier.

A mooring can have a float under 100 square feet.

Both floats will weigh 250 lbs.

Mr. Thommen asked Mr. Evans to please change nomenclature in application; these are not strings.

Mr. Evans confirms 7 moorings applied for. Commission states check was for 9 (\$225.00). Mrs. Varian suggests rewriting check. Commission returned check to Mr. Evans; looking for a new check for \$175.00. Mr. Evans will submit to Mr. McGuire.

Mr. Evans will confirm GIS coordinates of the floats with Mr. Brisbois.

Mr. Evans will adjust if necessary, but they think where the mushrooms will be placed is good ground. They could use as a sailboat race course for the children.

Mrs. Varian asked if anyone objects to giving these applications to Mr. Brisbois to look over and begin online application process for the Guilford Yacht Club. All commissioners present approved of this.

Mr. Evans approved of this.

Mr. Evans states the Guilford Yacht Club is leaning 60-65% towards mooring; pilings are preferable, but working on reducing cost.

Mr. Tietjen explained that fiberglass pilings were recently installed in Indian Cove with a water jet down to 7'. The fiberglass pilings cost \$700 each.

Mrs. Varian- Will these sit on the bottom at low tide?

Mr. Evans- They should be floating 6-10" at low tide. The floats will be pulled at the end of the program by the children.

Mrs. Varian suggests standoffs if they are not pulled.

Mr. Evans states the floats will be pulled. The floats already have standoffs- will make stacking them easier at end of program/season. They will also be using styrofoam so they won't sink in the bottom in case of an extreme low tide event.

Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes: Mr. Tietjen approved minutes with one minor change to Kristen Bellantuono's name and a request to remove Mr. Edmand's name as absent, as he is no longer on the Commission. All seconded it.

State Harbormaster's Report:

State Activities:

None.

Interface with Town Boards / Commissions / Offices/Associations:

None.

Moorings

Renewal notices for 2016 permits issued.

30 permits approved

8 new (initiated in 2015)

22 renewals

18 permit renewals in process awaiting payment

Significant Events/Other Activities:

Purchased Harbor Master weather attire and submitted request for reimbursement (\$357.31)

Treasurer's Report:

Per Mr. McGuire- Nothing to report; no new transactions into or out of the account. Account balance is \$12,000.00

Approval of bills and vouchers:

Mr. Brisbois to be reimbursed \$68.03 for printer ink (office supplies) and \$357.31 for clothing (field supplies)

\$50.00 to Mr. McGuire approved by Mrs. Varian
Bill for Secretarial services- Joan Dudley- in the amount of \$58.62.

Mr. McGuire made the motion to approve bills and secretary minutes. Mrs. Dudley will mail invoice to Mr. McGuire for sign-off.

New Business

5 Rock Lane:

Mr. McGuire does not approve of the 5 Rock Lane dock.

Mr. Harvey stated that we have to go by what applicant claims will be done in regards to seasonal removal.

Mrs. Varian-reiterated that the Harbor Management Commission is an advisory; DEEP has final say in regards to applications.

Mr. Teitjen reminded the commission that DEEP approved the Kaplan's application on West Lane- that dock is SW facing and has much more exposure to weather/elements than the application for 5 Rock Lane.

US Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Replacement and Revision of CT General Permit-Port Authority:

Mr. Harvey will read through this document more thoroughly and translate/summarize for the Commission.

Old Business

Guilford Yacht Club mooring applications for sailing program

Reviewed Weissman dock on Little Harbor- Mr. Tietjen showed the Commission photographs of aforementioned dock. Sue Jacobsen from DEEP has contacted the Harbor Management Commission regarding this property.

Richard Dalton contacted Mr. Brisbois to inform him his mooring in Little Harbor will be changing to Joanne's name- Joanne will re-apply for same mooring in same location.

Mr. McGuire asked if photos of boats are required on mooring applications.

Mrs. Varian stated that they are not, but if the applicants would like to include they can. Noted they have been receiving more applications including photographs, which may assist Mr. Brisbois when he is on patrols.

Review Harbor Management Plan

Mr. Harvey would like to know where to send plan once it is complete.

Goal is to complete the Plan by July 2016- when the Port Authority begins in CT.

Mrs. Varian made a motion to postpone review of the Plan to next month's meeting; Mr. Thommen seconded, all approved.

Adjourn

The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Dudley,
Secretary