

**TOWN OF CLINTON
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

Thursday March 9, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

Regular Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Adams, Todd Higgins, Doug Eliot, Dennis Parker, Martin Jaffe,
Rob Derry – Dock Master

Not present: Richard Trautman
Wayne Church – Harbor Master

Adams called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Eliot made a motion to accept the special meeting minutes from February 15, 2023, seconded by Parker. The motion was unanimously accepted and the minutes approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion about Proposed Bill H.B. 5614 to revise the 1984 CT Harbor Management Act. It was referred to the Environmental Committee. The Legislative Alert regarding the bill is attached. The Commission may submit comments to the Committee.

The current rates for the Town Marina will be increased for the 2024 season by approximately 5%. Adams addressed that with the Town Manager and the Finance Director when reviewing the 2023-24 budget. The increase will be presented to the Town Council.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

The survey has been finalized. It will be available on the Town website home page, the Town's Facebook page, the Harbor Management Commission page. In addition, there will be a press release issued. The digital sign will include it. The public meeting is scheduled for April 24 at 6pm in the Police Department Community Room. RACE Engineering will be present as well as Abbey Piersall the Town Planner. The discussion will review the survey results and will hear concerns, suggestions from the public.

DOCK MASTER REPORT

The report is attached to these minutes.

HARBOR MASTER REPORT

None

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2023 via Zoom.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Jaffe. Seconded by Higgins. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Lewis, Recording Clerk

Connecticut Harbor Management Association

February 26, 2023

LEGISLATIVE ALERT 2

Proposed Bill H.B. 5614:

An Act Concerning the Revision of the Harbor Management Act

This Proposed Bill to revise the 1984 CT Harbor Management Act in support of all Connecticut harbor management commissions and harbor management plans is being reviewed by the Committee on Environment during the 2023 Legislative Session. Time is of the essence to express support for this Proposed Bill. A Public Hearing will be held almost immediately—on Monday, February 27—but written comments will be accepted until March 24.

The purpose of the Proposed Bill, co-sponsored by Rep. Conley, 40th Dist., and Rep. Nolan, 39th Dist., is to clarify and confirm well-established and -recognized municipal harbor management authorities and practices and to maintain the effectiveness of municipal harbor management plans in light of the uncertainties and questions resulting from two recent Connecticut Court decisions.¹

Without an appropriate revision to the Harbor Management Act, the validity of harbor management plans throughout the state is undermined by these Court decisions that state: 1) a recommendation by a harbor management commission has no weight or standing with DEEP unless that recommendation is spelled out ahead of time (predetermined) in the approved harbor management plan; and 2) harbor management commissions lack specific legal authority to even review and make recommendations on applications for DEEP permits affecting their harbors. Such authority has long been established and recognized in all harbor management plans approved by DEEP and adopted locally.

A copy of H.B. 5614 is enclosed along with a background report describing the need for and purpose of the Proposed Bill in more detail. The Proposed Bill was drafted by the Environment Committee with input from the Harbor Management Association working with a number of harbor management commissions, including the New London, Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Fairfield, Stratford, and Norwich commissions. At this time, the most immediate need is for legislators representing towns with harbor management commissions and for the commissions themselves to provide written support for this bill. Comments and letters of support should be submitted to the Environment Committee using the links on the attached Public Hearing Agenda.

For more information, please contact John T. Pinto, President, Connecticut Harbor Management Association, at (203) 984-5339 or pintoj@optonline.net.

Attachments:

1. H.B. 5614
2. Background Report by the Harbor Management Association in Support of H.B. 5614
3. Public Hearing Agenda

¹ Superior Court J.D. of Hartford Land Use Docket; Docket No.: HHD LND CV-19-6124076-S Susan Cohen v. State of Connecticut DEEP, et. al., January 27, 2021; and Cohen v. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 215 Conn. App. 767, _A.3d_ (2022).



Clinton Town Marina

Clinton Harbor Management Commission Monthly Report Thursday March 9, 2022

Good evening Commission members,

The 2023 Clinton Town Marina season officially begins on April 1, 2023. The Town Marina is completely full with all slips and stakes being rented for the 2023 season. Throughout the off season, I received numerous calls and emails regarding any slip or stake availability at the Town Marina, I explained the process to all the callers and directed them to the Town Marina website.

Joan and I maintained consistent communication throughout the off-season to ensure that we are all set for the 2023 season.

I have been working and speaking with Public Works Director Todd Hajek throughout the off season as we prepare for the 2023 season. We are working on making some minor improvements at the marina to include the following:

- New crushed stone for the dining/patio area adjacent to Liv's.
- Obtaining new, heavy duty patio umbrellas for the picnic tables in the dining/patio area.
- Repairing a picnic table.
- Obtaining fresh mulch for all the beds along the bulkhead patio.
- Obtaining a new dock cart.
- Installing a new, double-sided sign on the roof of the Dockmaster office for increased visibility.
- Install the new "Welcome to Clinton" sign on pylon #8 upon entering the inner channel.





Clinton Town Marina

Marina Staffing

I am working on the marina staff roster for the 2023 season. I have some staff returning and have identified new local high school students to come on board.

I am planning a full staff meeting to bring all the staff on board as to expectations, responsibilities and general knowledge surrounding the town marina.

Weather depending, we will be staffing the marina on weekends beginning in April 2023.

Harbor Management Plan

I have communicated with Suzy at RACE Engineering and have provided her with all the information that I obtained regarding the items needed for the updating process. I have communicated with Suzy that I am available should they need further assistance.


Marina

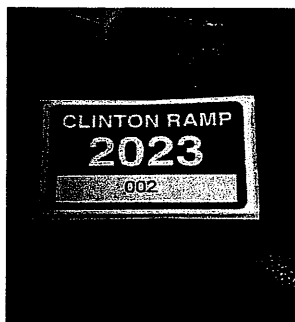
Working with Todd Hajek to ensure that all electrical issues have been repaired prior to the April 1, 2023 season beginning.

Will be testing all water faucets along the town docks to ensure all is working appropriately.

Public Works will be re-painting all the parking lot lines in the main marina parking lot as well as the gravel, boat owner parking lot.

I have obtained the new 2023 CLINTON RAMP season passes:

2023 passes are 



Respectfully,

Rob Derry
Clinton Town Marina - Dockmaster
Clinton, Connecticut
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