

**Borough of Fenwick
Harbor Management Commission
Special Meeting – October 25, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the Borough of Fenwick Harbor Management Commission was held on Monday, October 25, 2021 via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Renshaw, Jamie Gay, Jonathan Gengras, Sam Scatterday, Bill Webster, Chip Gengras (Alternate), Peter Duncan (Alternate), Jim Wade (Alternate), William Christensen, Harbormaster, ex officio.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Mitchell, Old Saybrook Harbor Master, Marilyn Ozols, Land Use Administrator, Jeff Champion, General Manager.

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. A quorum was established (Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster).

2. Election of Officers.

J. Gengras moved to nominate the current slate of officers (C. Renshaw as Chairman, S. Scatterday as Vice Chairman, and J. Gengras as Secretary) of the Harbor Management Commission. W. Webster seconded the motion it was approved unanimously.

For: Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster

Against: None

Abstained: None

3. Resident Comment.

None.

4. Moorings - Scott Mitchell, Old Saybrook Harbor Master.

S. Mitchell stated that he had been working with his father for several years and would like to take over the moorings and to coordinate with Bill Christensen, Fenwick Harbor Master, to develop a revised mooring application with due dates. W. Christensen continued that in the past applications have been submitted at various times in April, May, and June as well as by phone and this has created difficulty in coordinating the installation. There should be cut off dates with installation timeframes and a requirement that applications are submitted in time in order to guarantee the same location as in previous years. He noted that there is no wait list outside, but inside is tight so applications not submitted by the deadline could result in a spot being reassigned. Commissioners concurred. S. Mitchell and W. Christensen will work together to update the application form to include cut-off dates in time for the next mooring season.

5. Harbor Management Plan / Extension of Shoreline Planning Unit. Discussion and Decision Relative to Proceeding.

Members had received and reviewed historical information as well as photographs from Geoff Steadman, consultant, prior to the meeting and agreed that it was time for action. They reviewed the aerial photographs of the proposed Planning Units as suggested by G. Steadman. The only recommended change was the

division between the Folly Point Shore Planning Unit and the North Shore Planning Unit. J. Gay suggested that the division should not be at the Creek because the whole Crab Creek / Folly Point area is moving. Additionally, the North Shore area should be more focused on the Yacht Club, where future expansion should be considered. It was suggested that the division be moved toward the 4th hole tee. Members concurred and located this point on the aerial photo. It was also suggested that final lines be coordinated with property lines.

Members agreed that G. Steadman should develop draft restrictions and goals for each Planning Unit for their review. There should be rules and regulations for all of the coastline, not just one section like there is now, but the regulations should not prevent the reasonable expansion of the Yacht Club.

J. Gengras moved to authorize Geoff Steadman to draw up additional Planning Units as discussed for the Harbor Commission to review. S. Scatterday seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

6. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting (May 16, 2020).

J. Gengras moved to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2020 meeting as presented. S. Scatterday seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

For: Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

7. Harbor Master Report.

W. Christensen reported that

- Overall it was a safe season with no major incidents.
- There was good coordination with security staff.
- There was one sinking, which will be taken care of.
- There were no mooring issues other than timing.
- There is one derelict dock at Folly Point which will become a problem within the next couple of years if it is not addressed. It was noted that the dock was repaired after the first few times it was damaged by storms, but it is much more difficult to rebuild it at this time. W. Christensen suggested that if the pilings are pulled they could be saved for use at the Yacht Club. He added that Docko is scheduled to come to look at the Yacht Club and could look at his dock at the same time. Members concurred that the dock should be cleaned up or it will continue to get worse.

J. Gay moved to authorize the chair to send a letter to Fran Adams asking for his intentions relative to the derelict dock and requesting a written response. The motion was seconded by S. Scatterday and approved unanimously.

For: Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster.
Against: None.
Abstained: None.

Members stated that if the dock is not repaired, it should be taken away.

8. Other Business.

Members requested that the next meeting also be via Zoom so as to allow all members to attend. The date will be set in coordination with Geoff Steadman.

9. Adjournment.

S. Scatterday moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m. J. Gay seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. (Renshaw, Gay, J. Gengras, Scatterday, Webster)

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn M. Ozols
Acting Recording Secretary