

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

The Fairfield Harbor Management Commission will hold a Public Meeting at 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 via Conference Call Bridge and in person at Sullivan Independence Hall, 725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Members of the Public: To listen by Phone, Call 669 275-1384

Please Note: If you call to listen, you will not be heard by the Commission members and there will be no live public comment until called for by the Chair during the meeting. The public is encouraged to email their comments before the meeting to: HMC@fairfieldct.org

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February 20, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

**In person at Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road, Fairfield
1st Floor Conference Room
via Conference Call Bridge at 669 275-1384**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Jan 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Jan 28. Chair Don Hyman sent a letter developed by Mr. Steadman to Sen. Hwang, Bill Gerber and three State Reps. detailing the needed repairs at the Lower Wharf and included the presentation of the damage. The letter thanked and encouraged them to help find funding for the project.
2. Jan 21, On the advice of Eric Sunderman, Chair Don Hyman reached out to The Southport Conservancy letting them know about the needed signage at Lower Wharf. I have offered to attend their Feb 13th meeting to answer any questions.
3. Jan.19, We received notice that the ACOE has filed the Environmental Assessment, (https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/Southport_Public_Notice_JAN2024.pdf) by project manager Coral Siligato. Mr. Steadman intends to review the project and draft an approval statement. Mr. Steadman can expand on this in Old Business.
4. Jan. 24, I received a response from the HDC Chair that he had received the proposed sign design and would share it with the HDC and let us know of any feedback.
5. Chair Don Hyman composed and sent a letter by registered mail to the addresses of houses in the Lower Wharf area explaining why the sign was needed and where it will be placed. Feedback has been received from the concerned parties.

6. Per the Board of Finance, we are on the agenda for our budget to be voted on in March by the BOS, but we do not need to appear.

HARBOR MASTER REPORT: Mr. LeClerc

NEW APPLICATIONS: No new applications received.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lower Wharf Repairs: Mr. Steadman
2. Lower Wharf SHIPP Grant Refund: Mr. Steadman
3. Sand Management: Mr. Steadman, Ms. Taylor
4. Mooring Committee: Mr. Warren

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review & comment on ACOE Environmental Assessment.
2. Southport Harbor Past, Present and Future - Presentation by Mr. Steadman with following discussion.
3. How can we ensure inclusion of HMC comments and plans within the Plan of Conservation and Development emerging from TPZ Commission.
4. How can we support passage of new state legislation that clarifies the role of all HMCs in Connecticut in the wake of the Cohen v DEEP court decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

All members of the Harbor Management Commission are requested to notify the Chairman and Recording Secretary if they are unable to attend. A quorum is necessary to transact business.