

**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, March 19, 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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MARCH 19, 2024
4:30 p.m.**

**In person at Sullivan Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road, Fairfield
2ND Floor Conference Room – DPW Administrative Office
via Conference Call Bridge at 669 275-1384**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Feb. 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

1. March 1, 2024 received email invitation Connecticut Port of Authority Executive Director Ulysses Hammond via First Selectman William Gerber’s office inviting the Harbor Management Commission to apply for funds available through the Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP). Submission deadline is July 1, 2024 with funding recipient announcements set for August, 2024. HMC to review and vote on action in New Business section of March 19 meeting
2. March 1, 2024 received notice from Army Corps of Engineers authorizing permit to remove damaged structures and replace and renovate Lower Wharf.
3. March 4, 2024 received copy of letter from Pequot Yacht Club Commodore David Rosow, Jr. to Coral Siligato ACOE dredging project manager pledging support for ACOE plan for maintenance dredging of Southport Harbor. The letter also expressed agreement with accuracy of ACOE environmental assessment of the dredging impact. PYC additionally said maintenance dredging was a critical need and priority in 2024.
4. March 2, 2024 received invitation from Mary Hogue inviting Harbor Management Commission to participate in Fairfield’s Earth Day event Saturday, April 20, 10- 1 at YMCA. Participation or non-participation to be determined after HMC discussion and vote at March 19 meeting.

5. February 29, 2024 received CT FOIA and Robert's Rules Training meeting summary from Jennifer Carpenter, Deputy Chief of Staff of First Selectman's Office. All HMC commissioners are expected to comply with these rules which are being supplied to each commissioner under separate cover. In addition, all HMC subcommittee chairs are expected to post meeting dates for remaining 2024 planned meetings.
6. March 4, 2024 received email communication from State Rep. Jennifer Leeper advising she was sponsoring HB 5359, An Act Concerning the Composition and Expertise of the Connecticut Siting Council. The legislation would address issues involving the Siting Council and its decision-making process resulting from the UI application in 2023 for a plan to install a large number of monopoles for new power lines.
7. The HMC Lower Wharf Subcommittee met on March 8, 2024 and minutes of the meeting have been posted. An application for the Lower Wharf risk management warnings sign is being prepared for the Historic District Commission's review and neighborhood outreach and dialogue will continue.

HARBOR MASTER REPORT: Mr. LeClerc

NEW APPLICATIONS: No new applications received.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lower Wharf Repairs: Mr. Steadman
2. Lower Wharf and a memorial tribute to Pat Carroll; Mr. Hyman, Mr. Steadman
3. Lower Wharf SHIPP Grant Refund and Application for New Funds: Mr. Steadman
4. Sand Management: Mr. Steadman, Ms. Taylor
5. Mooring Committee: Mr. Warren

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review & comment on ACOE Environmental Assessment and HMC pre-submission consultation form.
2. Earth Day and HMC: April 20, 2024
3. Southport Harbor Past, Present and Future - Presentation by Mr. Steadman with following discussion (if time permits):
 - a--How can we ensure inclusion of HMC comments and plans within the Plan of Conservation and Development emerging from TPZ Commission.
 - b--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.