

**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, MAY 21, 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](mailto:HMC@fairfieldct.org)

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MAY 21, 2024  
4:30 p.m.**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

1-April 29-May 2 text conversation with Jessica McManus of Harbor Road seeking to replace, donate and memorialize with a plaque one of the three benches permitted by deed on Lower Wharf.

2-May 6 email conversation with Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese agreeing to approve placement of a public safety risk and rules sign for Lower Wharf at Ye Yacht Yard for pedestrians to see while walking to the Lower Wharf entrance. This is part of a new *Two Sign risk management communication* plan for Lower Wharf and the adjacent waterside lot approved by Town Attorney Philip Pires and Town Risk Manager Peter Richey. It was reviewed at the May 8 meeting of the Lower Wharf Subcommittee and noted in posted minutes of that meeting.

3- Discussion by phone May 9 with Laura Lawlor, president of Sasquanaug Association and Pam Toner, chair of Southport Conservancy. Both are supporting new two sign risk management public safety strategy for Lower Wharf.

4-May 8 recognition and celebration event for Geoffrey Steadman, HMC consultant for 30+ years.

5-Conversations May 13-14 with state Sen. Tony Hwang regarding application to the state bonding commission for incremental funds (in addition to potential SHIPP grant funds from Connecticut Port Authority) to support

repair and replacement of the Lower Wharf bulkhead and pier. An updated cost estimate was provided by Devin Santa of RACE Engineering and the application is in progress.

6-Commencement May 15 morning, per advisory from Harbor Master LeClerc, of Army Corps of Engineers preliminary Southport Harbor survey work needed for dredging planned at the mouth of Southport Harbor tentatively set for later this year.

7-HMC 2024-2025 proposed budget approval by Representative Town Meeting on May 6, according to RTM Moderator Marcy Spolyar.

8-Response of April 17 to Michael Nishball's email question on reasons for repairing and replacing the Lower Wharf bulkhead and pier.

## **HARBOR MASTER REPORT:** Mr. LeClerc

### **NEW APPLICATIONS:** none

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Lower Wharf *Two Sign Risk Management* Discussion and Resolution: Mr. Hyman
2. Lower Wharf Repairs: Mr. Steadman
3. Lower Wharf SHIPP Grant Refund and Application for New Funds: Mr. Steadman
4. Sand Management: Mr. Steadman, Ms. Taylor
5. POCD update: Mr. Steadman
6. Perry Mill Green Bulkhead Replacement Update: Mr. Steadman
7. Mooring Committee: Mr. Warren

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Harbor Master Le Clerc update on police request for security camera(s) to be placed at Southport Harbor.
2. Review of Pequot Yacht Club's draft plan for new seawall and dock improvements: David Rosow of Pequot YC and Devin Santa of RACE Engineering.
3. Request for written policy and guidance on bench replacement and memorial plaques at Lower Wharf: Mr. Hyman.

## **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.