

**TOWN OF FAIRFIELD
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
Lower Wharf Subcommittee
MEETING MINUTES**

**Fairfield Harbor Management Commission Lower Wharf Subcommittee Meeting
April 9, 2024
1 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**

Attendees: Don Hyman, George Harris, Belinda Shepard and consultant Geoffrey Steadman

- o Revised design from Victoria Ross/Belinda Shepard for Lower Wharf Public Safety/Risk management sign content providing enhanced layout, typeface and font components per earlier feedback from Historic District Commission was approved by the subcommittee.
- o Historic District Commission application package prepared by George Harris and requesting a certificate of appropriateness for the Lower Wharf sign was reviewed and accepted by the subcommittee. The document was officially filed with the town on April 10. The Lower Wharf Street address appears to be 1085 Harbor Road.
- o Commissioner Shepard agreed to contact Ms. B. Soper and Ms. J. McManus, Harbor Road neighbors of Lower Wharf, to set up a meeting together with Commissioner Hyman to address any questions or concerns they have regarding the planned sign at Lower Wharf. Commissioner Hyman is working with Town Attorney Philip Pires to obtain necessary Lower Wharf placement of sign consent forms to be signed by people of standing.
- o Consultant Geoffrey Steadman advised that the plan for rebuilding the Lower Wharf dock and bulkhead require a Coastal Site Plan Review from Fairfield Planning and Zoning. He will pursue this action.
He also advised that the Connecticut Port Authority's independent status remains unchanged and a proposal to merge it with another state government agency was dropped because of a lack of legislative support. He is in the process of preparing an application for obtaining funding to help rebuild Lower Wharf under the Port Authority's SHIPP grant program.
- o The next scheduled meeting of the HMC Lower Wharf Subcommittee is Wednesday May 8 at 1 pm

The recording of the April 9, 2024 meeting can be found here:

[04/09/24 Harbor Management Commission - Lower Wharf Committee \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04/09/24_Harbor_Management_Commission_-_Lower_Wharf_Committee)