

HMC Plan Update Minutes June 15, 2023 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

Attending: Jac Herschler, Cheryl Beacock, Doug Metchick, consultant Geoff Steadman, Harbor Master Bryan LeClerc, and Kim Taylor

Mr. Steadman is continuing to incorporate the comments from committee members into Chapter 2 and will check with Pequot Yacht Club for their input about the section that describes the Club.

The Committee identified a number of issues to add to the Plan as priorities to be considered by future Commissions. They included

- public access to moorings if the waters around the dinghy dock continue to shoal up;
- how to provide charging facilities for electric powered vessels;
- the impacts on the water flow of the Mill River from future water diversions by Aquarion Water Company;
- how to manage the impact of climate change and increased flooding on the Lower Wharf facilities; and
- to consider having have 2 additional HMC standing committees – 1. Sand Management with participation from the Country Club of Fairfield and 2. Lower Wharf – to manage ongoing problems and issues associated with the sand at the entrance to the channel and the repair and maintenance of the Lower Wharf facilities.

Mr. Steadman will begin to copy some of the large maps and diagrams. The committee still hopes to be able to send a draft of the updated plan to DEEP this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Taylor