



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Harbor Management Commission**

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**HMC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2019 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL EMPLOYEE CAFETERIA**

1. Call to Order

Chair Robert Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Robert Murphy, Chair; Paul Connolly, Secretary; David Cole; Dick Goduti; Robert Soden; and Jennifer Donahue, Clerk.

Christian Fox of the Nature Conservancy and LIS Blue Plan Outreach Coordinator; Melissa Cote; and Mary-beth Hart, of the DEEP, who arrived at 7:09 p.m., attended as guests.

3. Discussion of Potential Comments to LI Sound Blue Plan

Mr. Murphy gave an overview of the commission's understanding of the Blue Plan and thanked the guests for attending. Mr. Fox and Ms. Hart answered commissioner's questions and clarified the proposed scope of the plan and its intent as well as describing how the plan will be updated and evolve in the future. All guests left the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Mr. Murphy asked Ms. Donahue to scan their business cards and send them to all commissioners in case anyone had further questions.

Commissioners discussed what, if any, comments they would like to provide to the drafters of the plan before the comment period ends on June 21. After discussion it was agreed that any comment would be best coming from the first selectman on behalf of the town. Mr. Murphy made a motion to email the first selectman requesting him to make comments on the Blue Plan as follows: "The Harbor Management Commission supports exclusion of the Lower Connecticut River area from the Long Island Sound Blue Plan policy area as shown on draft *Blue Plan Policy Area – Advisory Committee Survey, June 2019*." Mr. Connolly seconded the motion and it was so VOTED 4-0-0 with Mr. Goduti voting "present".

Mr. Connolly made a motion stating that if the first selectman is unable to comment that the HMC send the comments directly. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. After additional discussion the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Connolly.

4. Refinement of Sheffield Street Floating Dock Scope

Commissioners engaged in extensive discussion regarding the details of a potential purchase order to be made to Meeco Sullivan for the new docks for Sheffield Street. Discussion focused on the length and width of the docks and ramp as well as possible weight considerations and means of removal during the winter. Generally commissioners felt a 30' x 6' ramp would be the most sensible choice and the proposed 6 x 28 foot dock should be eliminated. It was also agreed that the addition of skids to the docks would be a good idea. Mr. Murphy will clarify some prices based on the discussion and review some of the measurements. Another meeting will be necessary to finalize details. Discussion also focused on how to have the permit drawings revised and by whom.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. seconded by Mr. Soden which was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Donahue
Clerk, OSHMC