

Harbor Management Commission

Legislative Reference:

State: CGS 22a-113k et seq., and 15-1 thru 15-26a, 15-121, 15-136, and others.

Town: Code 2-161 thru 2-165 and 16-31 thru 16-57.

Other Bylaws and/or Rules of Procedure: Harbor Management Plan – Noank Sector.

Type: Statutory and permanent.

Geographic Responsibility:

Within the area of navigable waters below mean high water within territorial limits of the Town and bounded by the projection of the boundary line of neighboring municipalities, as delimited by the following harbor areas:

1. Noank Harbor, Lower Mystic River, West Cove, Palmer's Cove, and Beebe Cove.
2. Other harbor waters defined by future adopted harbor management plans. (Code 2-163)

Does not include the City of Groton which has its own Commission.

History: Ordinance adopted July 16, 1985 and amended October 1, 1985.

Powers and Duties:

General: The Commission prepares a harbor management plan in accordance with CGS. (Code 2-164).

Specific: The Commission reviews the plan annually and makes any modifications deemed appropriate; proposes ordinances and regulations to implement the plan and specifies fines for violation; assists the harbormaster in the assignment of mooring and anchorage areas and the collection of mooring fees; prepares an operating budget; assists in the coordination of all agencies which provide service based upon the harbor; reviews any application for a state or federal permit within its jurisdiction and responds with recommendations; conducts studies of the conditions and operations in and out of town waters and presents proposals; requests a general permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and/or delegation of enforcement authority; hires staff and/or consultants.

Other: See Code 2-165 re Referral of proposal submitted to other town agencies.

Appointing Authority: Town Council. (Code 2-161)

Term of Office: Three (3) years, staggered; replacements shall be appointed within 2 months of termination. (Code 2-162)

Membership:

Number: Five (5) regular, (2) alternates. The harbormaster shall serve as an ex-officio member, without vote. (Code 2-161)

Requirements: Electors and residents of the Town. (Code 2-161)

Meeting Schedule and Location: Monthly at the Noank Fire House.

Staff: Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS).

Records: Located in the Office of Planning and Development Services.
Agendas and minutes also on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Further information:

No member shall receive compensation for service, but may be reimbursed for any necessary expenses. (Code 2-161)

OPDS /Planning: 446-5970.