



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK**  
**Harbor Management Commission**

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**HMC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
September 17, 2014, 7:00 p.m.  
TOWN HALL 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Collins.

**2. Roll Call:**

Present: R. Collins, Chairman, Les Bowman, Secretary, D. Cole, R. Goduti, G. Wall

Also attending: 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman C. Fortuna; abutting property owners J. and D. Aldi; and M. Hansen

**3. North Cove Boat Launch Regulations:**

Chairman Collins opened the meeting by offering a motion to establish regulations for the North Cove Launch facility that essentially mirror the regulations already in place for the North Cove Town Dock at Sheffield Street. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wall. Collins then opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Fortuna offered an overview on the need to establish regulations to facilitate future police enforcement activities to assure reasonable and responsible public use of the facility. He noted that there are currently no regulations in place as there are at other Town managed waterfront facilities, and there have been citizen complaints. Mr. Fortuna also noted that regulations are needed independent of the property line issues currently under discussion between the Aldis and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Collins then opened the floor to general discussion. Mr. Wall asked several questions about the lack of enforcement of regulations at other Town facilities. Mr. Fortuna responded that he was working with the Chief to address this concern, and that regulations need to be in place for the North Cove Launch Area before he can follow up for police action at that site.

Mr. Goduti then expressed his concern that establishing regulations before there is a firm proposal and final resolution of the property line issue with the Aldis was premature. He asked about possible deed restrictions if a “quit claim” settlement was reached. It was pointed out that

regardless of any settlement, the Town will still have the Launch facility, and appropriate regulations need to be formalized. Mr. Goduti also pointed out that he would like for the Commission to consider other uses for the facility. It was noted that was an item for future discussion.

Based on the discussions, Mr. Wall offered a friendly amendment to Mr. Collins original MOTION that was suggested by Mr. Fortuna to make the proposed regulations effective subject to resolution of any property title issues. The amendment was accepted by consensus. The motion was then called, and the following MOTION was approved by a VOTE of 4 to 0 with Mr. Goduti abstaining.

MOVED: That the Harbor Management Commission establish the following regulations for the North Cove Launch Area and to include “No Camping”, subject to the settlement of any currently identified property line issues:

## Chapter 209. WATERWAYS

### Article IV. Waterfront Facilities

#### 209-12 North Cove waterfront regulations.

The following rules and regulations shall govern the use of the North Cove waterfront facilities of the Town of Old Saybrook and the parking areas at that facility:

- A. All parking shall be by permit only and shall be limited to those vehicles displaying a current parking sticker, which shall be issued by the Harbor Management Commission. Parking stickers will be restricted to residents and taxpayers of Old Saybrook. Due to limited space, parking is limited to six cars.
- B. From 12:00 midnight to 5:00 a.m. there shall be no parking at the North Cove waterfront facilities in the street or on town-owned property.
- C. Stopping in the loading zone shall be limited to 15 minutes for the purpose of loading and unloading gear and supplies, and picking up and discharging passengers.
- D. Cars in violation of parking regulations are subject to fines and/or towing at the owner's expense.
- E. No alcoholic beverages are to be opened or consumed on the launch complex or adjacent town property, including parking areas.
- F. Swimming and diving from the boat launch and adjacent town property is prohibited at all times. This facility is not a public beach sunbathing and picnicking are not allowed.
- G. No boats are to be left unattended at the launch.
- H. No boats are to remain in the launch for more than 20 minutes.
- I. Dinghies and Prams must be stored in a manner as to not prevent others from using the limited parking area.
- J. No boats are to be left on town property from November 1 to May 1.
- K. Fishing and crabbing are prohibited at all times on the boat launch, the parking area and on the adjacent town property.
- L. No fish are to be cleaned or gutted on the launch or other adjacent town property.
- M. All refuse must be placed in the refuse containers provided.
- N. No one shall interfere in any way with the operation of a vessel approaching or departing the launch, and no one shall permit him/herself or his/her property to be an obstruction to such approaches or departures.
- O. Access to the launching ramp must be kept clear and unobstructed at all times.
- P. Activities associated with commercial fishing are not permitted on the launch complex or on this town-owned waterfront property. The transporting of catch, equipment and bait through the area is prohibited.
- Q. Any person who violates any of the above regulations shall be subject to arrest and to a fine not to exceed \$100. The North Cove Boat Launch Facility is to be used only for boat launching activities.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Submitted:

Les Bowman, Secretary