

Harbor Management Commission Narrative – Capital Budget

Submitted by Frank M. Fedeli, Administrator, Stamford Harbor Management Commission

The Stamford Harbor Management Commission requested funding for the purchase of a multi-purpose repair/work/tow boat.

OPM and the Planning Board approved \$150,000 for the purchase of this multi-purpose boat that will provide these services:

1. Repairs - This vessel will be used to repair and replace the docks, floats and piles in our two municipal marinas. This vessel will be able to tow or push floats around the marinas to create more space in our marinas, particularly for larger boats that will bring more money into the Marina Revenue Fund. It can also haul large amounts of repair materials when repairing or replacing docks and floats.
2. Harbor Safety – Twice a year this vessel will install and remove buoys, rock markers and marina safety signage (no wake zones, areas that prohibit jet skis and water skiing). Repairs and replacements to this equipment will be made on a regular basis.
3. It will assist in our quarterly water testing function and will monitor the HMC's oyster fishery located in the West Branch of Stamford Harbor
4. Debris removal and towing – This vessel can tow or push abandoned boats, wrecks and large floating debris periodically found in Stamford Harbor.
5. During storms this boat will be staffed by our harbormasters who can tow recreational vessels from open water moorings to safe anchorages inside the Stamford Hurricane Barrier. Included in the

specifications for this vessel will be a reinforced bow that will break up ice in Stamford's two shipping channels.

6. Operation – This vessel will have several operators: The Marina Supervisor for dock and float repair and maintenance and the installation and removal of Stamford Harbor navigational and boating safety aids.

7. Our Harbor Masters will use this vessel for harbor cleanup and disposal of large floating debris and abandoned or wrecked boats.

In emergencies it will assist the police marine unit and marine fire unit.

8. I am drafting a Memo of Understanding defining what city officials will use the boat and when. This will be reviewed by our Law Department.

Respectfully Submitted, Frank M. Fedeli