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**CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
STAMFORD HARBOR
MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH
COMMISSION**

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 6/21/2022 via Zoom; called to order at 6:33 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

Commissioners:

Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners; Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; William Malloy, III; Michael Pensiero; Sam Abernethy; Russ Hollander, Alternate.

Staff:

Frank Baldassare, Marina COS; Frank Fedeli, COS; Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.

Absent:

Commissioner Ray Redniss; Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept.; Captain Eric Knott, Online Mooring; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor, COS.

1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve May 17, 2022 amended minutes.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

2) Chairman's Report

- a) Meeting with Mayor Simmons, Chairman Ortelli presented a power point slide (created by Consultant Geoff Steadman) that provided an overview of the commissioners' roles, responsibilities and needs.
- b) Discussion on CT Port Authority SHIPP Grants Round 3: Progress report on getting estimates from vendors for the submission of the SHIPP grant. Deadline for submission is 4 p.m. on July 1, 2022.
- c) Deputy Harbor Master Update: Governor Lamont's on May 29, 2022 issued a Letter of Appointment to Frank Fumega duly installing him as a Deputy Harbor Master.
- d) The HMC would like to wish Director Jankowski a fond farewell. We thank him for this time, input, and the good work he put into this commission over the years.

3) Committee Reports

Application Review Committee: Commissioner Karp: Committee met on 6/06/22, next scheduled meeting is on 7/05/22.

- Referral of CSPR 1142 – Sophio Gagnidze, 25 Island Heights, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the understanding that the project is not expected to generate a significant amount of additional storm water discharge from the property.**
 - **Commissioner Hollander seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- Referral of CSPR 1143 – John & Janet Harper, 96 Saddle Rock Road, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the understanding that the project is not expected to generate a significant amount of additional storm water discharge from the property.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- CSPR 1130 Review – DCQ Associates, LLC, 253 Dolphin Cove Quay, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that comments from the DEEP and Engineering Bureau have been satisfactorily addressed by the Applicant; that the Engineering Bureau determines compliance with all City storm water management requirements and FEMA requirements for construction in the coastal floodplain; and that the proposed project will significantly improve stormwater and water quality conditions on the property.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- Referral CSPR 1144 – Soundview Farms, LLC, 66 Gate House Road, Stamford, CT., Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the proposed project will reduce the vulnerability of the affected structure to flooding and provided the project meets all applicable FEMA requirements for construction in the coastal floodplain.**

- **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1145 – Herbert Gretz, 45 Sagamore Road, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the proposed project including a subsurface storm water retention system will significantly improve stormwater and water quality conditions on the property, and provided the Engineering Bureau determines compliance with all City storm water management requirements.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- CT DEEP COP Application – City of Stamford, Cove Island Marina, 1125 Cove Road, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan which calls for the Cove Island Marina to be utilized to its full potential as a public boating facility providing opportunities for safe and enjoyable access to the Harbor Management Area, and calls also for timely maintenance dredging of the Cove Island navigation channel to support safe navigation by vessels using the Cove Island Marina and boat launching ramp.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral CSPR 1146 - City of Stamford, Cummings Park, 464 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan which calls for the park to be utilized to its full potential as a waterfront park providing opportunities for safe and enjoyable access to the Harbor Management Area, and to recommend that additional consideration be given to using pervious pavement materials to the extent feasible.**
 - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1147 - Alessandro Marchetti, 85 Downs Avenue, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the understanding that the project is not expected to generate a**

significant amount of additional storm water discharge from the property.

- **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**
- Revised version of Text Change Application 222-01 – “Clean Up 3”. Consultant Steadman reported on his recent discussion with Land-Use Bureau Chief Blessing and two CT court cases concerning municipal zoning authority and confirming that zoning authority does not extend water ward of the Mean High Water line. HMC will make recommendations for transmittal to Land-Use Bureau in July.
- Discussion on the City of Stamford pedestrian bridge project over the Mill River.
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to approve to reiterate the comments of no objection.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

Safety Committee: Commissioner Pensiero discussed their meeting that took place on 6/21/22. Discussion on the 3 boats that sank, boating accident in the Oyster Bay area, discussion when we don't have the West Beach boat ramp, and fireworks are on July 2, 2022.

HMP & Financial Review Committee: No report.

Planning/Moorings Committee: No report.

Shellfish Committee: No report.

Marina Committee: Commissioner Hollander discussed putting up speed markers.

4) Staff Reports

Financial Review:

- Mr. Fedeli presented his financial report.

Harbor Master Report:

- Harbormaster Yale Greenman discussed the issue with boats speeding in the harbor. Commissioner Adelberg suggested to discuss with Sgt. Fitzgibbon at the next Safety Meeting prior to sending any letter and then will report back at the next meeting. Harbormaster Greenman will communicate with Sgt. Fitzgibbon.
- **Commissioner Hollander made a motion to send a letter to the Police Dept. regarding this issue and ask them to give out summons.**
- **Seconded by Commissioner Abernethy.**
- **The motion was tabled.**
- Welcome to Frank Fumega who is now the new Deputy Harbor Master.
- Harbor boat to be hauled out for annual maintenance.

Marina Supervisor:

- Frank Baldasare gave a brief discussion on the updates on the harbor.

5) Old Business

- No update on the CHMC/Court Case.
- No update on the harbor user fees.
- Frank Fedeli updated the Commissioners on the Robert Strada Memorial bench payment.
- Safe Boating Pamphlets should have been distributed.
- Report on the Amistad visit.

6) New Business

- Chairman Ortelli discussed meeting with the Port Authority is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Cummings Beach.

7) Public Participation

- Richard Warren, O & G, suggested putting the power point slide on the City of Stamford at the Government Center.

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: July 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

9) Adjournment

- **Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn.**
- **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**