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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 10/18/2022 via Zoom; called to order at 6:32 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

#### In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners Sam Abernethy, Paul Adelberg, Robert Karp, Michael

Pensiero, William Malloy, III; Russ Hollander, Alternate.

Staff: Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept., Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman,

Consultant (6:58 p.m.); and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.

Absent: Commissioner Ray Redniss,; Frank Fedeli, COS; Frank Fumega, Deputy Harbor Master; Captain Eric

Knott, Online Mooring; Frank Baldassare, Marina COS; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor,

COS.

## 1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Abernethy abstained.
- Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve September 20, 2022 minutes.
- Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

#### 2) Chairman's Report

- Discussion on The Land Use Committee of the Charter Revision Commission that
  met via Zoom on September 22, 2022. HMC interests were the city boundaries
  with neighboring municipalities, inclusion of language for people with disabilities
  within the HMP, and the potential for additional capability of the HMC during
  the land use review process.
- Discussion on SoundWaters Tours.
- Discussion regarding "Online Mooring Administration". Captain Knott is finalizing the year end 2022 numbers and is offering to continue administrating the online mooring service provider in 2023. To continue the work he is willing to continue for the same pay as last season, \$500.00.
  - Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to pay Captain Knott for the "Online Mooring Administration" for 2023 in the amount of \$500.00.
  - Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously approved.

## 3) Committee Reports

**Application Review Committee:** Commissioner Karp: Committee met on 10/03/22 next scheduled meeting is 11/07/22.

- Referral of CSPR 1158 Anya Kishinevsky, 80 Davenport Drive, 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 will improve stormwater conditions on the site and improve resiliency to coastal flooding.
  - · Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously approved.
- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Transmittal Form & CT DEEP LWRD License Application Form K General Permit Registration for Structures, Fill, Obstructions, or Encroachment in Dolphin Cove Lagoon, Stamford, CT Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC for The Dolphin Cove Lagoon Corporation, 37 Flying Cloud Road, Stamford, CT.
  - Commissioner Adelberg recused himself.
  - Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan which supports timely, environmentally sound repair and maintenance of existing flood and erosion control structures as necessary to protect existing development.
  - Commissioner Hollander seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously approved.
- Public Registry of Application 222-30 City of Stamford Zoning Board, 888
   Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT. Text Change.
  - Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the understanding that the project is not expected to affect the Harbor Management Area in any significant way and that the proposed amendments will not affect implementation of stormwater management requirements.
  - · Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously Approved
- Public Registry of Application 222-31 City of Stamford Zoning Board, 888
   Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT. Text Change.
  - Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the

understanding that the project is not expected to affect the Harbor Management Area in any significant way.

- · Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously Approved
- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form Harbor Management Commission – Detlef Stroeh, 35 Rogers Road, Stamford, CT.
  - Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection to the preapplication plans being included in a permit application to DEEP, provided the Applicant's extended littoral property lines are shown on the plan drawings; the location of the existing groin relative to those property lines is accurately determined; and the Applicant coordinates project planning with the adjoining property owner and City of Stamford (regarding the storm water discharge pipe).
  - Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously Approved
- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form –
   Shellfish Commission Detlef Stroeh, 35 Rogers Road, Stamford, CT.
  - Commissioner Abernethy moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection to the preapplication plans being included in a permit application to DEEP, provided the Applicant's extended littoral property lines are shown on the plan drawings; the location of the existing groin relative to those property lines is accurately determined; and the Applicant coordinates project planning with the adjoining property owner and City of Stamford (regarding the storm water discharge pipe).
  - Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously Approved

Safety Committee: No meeting, no report.

Marina Committee: No report.

## 4) Staff Reports

#### **Financial Review:**

• Chairman Ortelli stated Frank Fedeli sent out his financial report.

## **Harbor Master Report:**

- Harbor Master Greenman discussed slip holders, derelict boats, and procedures regarding derelict boats.
- Commissioner Pensiero stated that the City of Stamford has a procedure in place for derelict boats in the public marina.
- Discussion on proposed barge.

## **Marina Supervisor:**

• Frank Baldassare reported they continue to be working on the docks.

### 5) Old Business

- Consultant Steadman gave an update on the CHMA/Court Case.
- No update on the harbor user fees.
- No update on the Robert Strada Memorial Bench.
- Update on the status of "14 Acre Remediation" as filed with DEEP; 205 Magee Avenue is waiting for permits from DEEP to move forward with the environmental remediation. Land Use Dept. has not heard anything about the 14 acre site. Due to COVID the State has passed legislation that extends all previous approval for an extended period of time.
- Updates on city projects: Cummings Marina is on hold until funding is approved by the Bond Commission; funds for the West Beach dredging will not be necessary until 2024 because of permitting; and partial dredging of the Cove channel went out to bid on 9/24/2022.
- Discussion on Water Quality Testing.

#### 6) New Business

- Lighthouse Committee Report: Mark Robichaux and Tim Pettee discussed the Stamford Lighthouse Preservation Society and its purpose.
  - Commissioner Abernethy made a motion to make a written inquiry to DEEP regarding the ownership status and potential uses of the discussed underwater lands surrounding the lighthouse that were previously transmitted by the State of CT to the federal government for the purpose of constructing the lighthouse.
  - Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.
  - Unanimously approved.
- Consultant Steadman updated the members on the Bureau of Aquaculture as it relates to Stamford Shellfish Committee.

# 7) Public Participation: None

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: November 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

## 9) Adjournment

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