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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on July 16, 2024, via Zoom; called to order at 6:35 PM - Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners: Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Mike Pensiero;
Staff: Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Frank Fumega, Deputy Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman, Consultant (Arrived at 6:40 p.m.); and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.

Absent: Commissioners Ray Redniss, Sam Abernethy; Russ Hollander, Alternate; William Malloy III, Alternate; Frank Baldassare, Marina COS; Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept.; Captain Eric Knott, Online Mooring; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor, COS.

Call to Order.

Roll Call/Public participation sign-up sheet.

1. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes.

- Commissioner Karp moved to approve the June 18, 2024, minutes.
- Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Chairman's Report:

- a. CT Port Authority Dredging Survey: Due July 31. Discussed when Consultant Steadman arrived. Mr. Ortelli provided a brief update stating dredging for Cove Island Marina area and channel has been submitted; additional information may be submitted.
- b. Update on Stamford Lighthouse Restoration including completion of the outer staircase and the progress and procedure for light installation. Fundraising continues.
- c. Meeting scheduled for July 11, 2024, with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss Hurricane Barrier work was canceled; date of the next meeting has not been announced.

3. Committee Reports: Shellfish; Applications; Marina & Safety Committee. (See individual Committee agenda for topics addressed.)

Shellfish:

- Mr. Fedeli reported on his historical research concerning the establishment of the Stamford Shellfish Commission and on his positive communications with the CT Bureau of Aquaculture. No ordinances or formal resolutions for establishing the Shellfish Commission could be found. The Bureau will provide advice and assistance for proper establishment and operation of the Shellfish Commission moving forward. Mr. Fedeli is working on recommendations for consideration.

- Update on interviews of potential candidates for appointment to the Shellfish Commission.

Applications Review Committee: Commissioner Karp

Application 224-17 – City of Stamford, Zoning Board, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT, - Text Change.

- Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection.
- Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

State of CT DEEP Application #202406993 – LWRD License Application Form E-Coastal General Permit Registration for Marina and Mooring Reconfiguration Boundary – RACE Coastal Engineering for TL76 Holdings, LLC, 14-Acre Site Marina, 100 Bateman Way, Stamford, CT. Consultant Steadman commented that DEEP for reference has provided the SHMC with the DEEP General Permit issued in 2019 for installation of marina facilities on this site, including terms and conditions for providing marina amenities and meeting city requirements, including parking requirements. There was discussion concerning when the marina facilities will be built, how they will be managed, and what sort of upland support facilities will be provided and when they will be provided. Consultant Steadman reported he was recently informed by the Land-Use Bureau that an additional coastal site plan review will be required.

- Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection to this project with conditions to be met prior to opening, including conditions concerning provision of upland support facilities.
- Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion. Further discussion took place.
- Commissioner Adelberg then amended the Pensiero motion to include the following: provided the applicant complies with all the terms and conditions set forth in the previous DEEP approval and with the understanding that the SHMC will continue to review and provide comments on plans to restore the marina facilities on this site.
- Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

Referral of CSPR #1199 – Gad & Samantha Lavy, 141 Downs Avenue, Stamford, CT.

- Commissioner Karp and Pensiero abstained.
- Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding, based on information provided by the applicant, that the proposed project is expected to result in a significant improvement in storm water and water quality conditions on the site and reduce the vulnerability of existing development to coastal flood hazards.
- Commissioner Ortelli seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

Referral of CSPR #1200 – Nancy Camp, 37 Soundview Drive, Stamford, CT.

- Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection to this project as it is not expected to impact the harbor management area.
- Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

Applications 224-24 – City of Stamford, Zoning Board, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT, - Text Change.

- Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection.
- Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

Referral of CSPR 1201 – Daniel & Julia Anderson, 95 Soundview Drive, Stamford, CT.

- Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding, based on information provided by the applicant, that the proposed project is expected to result in a significant improvement in stormwater and water quality conditions on the site and reduce the vulnerability of existing development to coastal flood hazards.
- Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

East Branch Canal Retaining Wall Project – City of Stamford, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT.

There was discussion concerning state permitting requirements, project management, coordination with affected property owners, and coordination with planned hurricane barrier gate repairs. The city's Engineering Division is developing the proposal. Additional information will be forthcoming.

- Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of support for this project to move forward with the understanding that the SHMC will have an opportunity to review and comment on the project plans as they are developed.
- Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
- Unanimously approved.

Marina & Safety Committee: No report.

4. Staff Reports: Financial; Harbor Master; Marina Supervisor.

Financial:

- On behalf of Mr. Baldassare, Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, read the update on the Financial Report ending June 30, 2024.

Harbor Master:

- Yale Greenman, Harbor Master, reported on the boat that sank at Czescik Marina on July 16, 2024.
- Discussed the 4th of July event and how it went well.
- Discussion on needing a new and expanded webpage for Stamford Harbor Management.

Marina: No Report

5. Old Business:

- Harbor User Fees Status Report; unchanged.
- CHMA/Bill 5614 Status Report; unchanged.
- Cove Island Marina Status Report; unchanged.
- Stamford/Greenwich town border update. Consultant Steadman reported that the Greenwich Board of Selectman last week approved a resolution to support the Greenwich Town Attorney and Harbor Management Commission working with the Stamford Law Department and Harbor

Management Commission to define the municipal boundary between Greenwich and Stamford in Long Island Sound. This effort was discussed as an example of inter-municipal cooperation.

6. New Business as may properly come before the Commission:

- Consultant Steadman discussed Yale Greenman forwarding notice of the DEEP Boating Infrastructure Grant Program. Applications are due at the end of the month for projects or equipment that would serve transient boaters. Commissioner Pensiero brought up an opportunity for possibly partnering with O&G for a commercial mooring; Consultant Steadman reported that he does not believe commercial moorings are eligible for funding under this program.

7. Public Participation:

- Mr. Josef discussed his anticipated meeting/appointment regarding his Alternate position on the SHMC.
- Mr. Bastis, representing a group of property owners residing at Dolphin Cove, expressed concern regarding a pending 4/40 dock application at 247 Davenport Drive and inquired about the SHMC's application review procedure. Consultant Steadman provided information concerning the process. The SHMC was not familiar with the referenced application and will make an inquiry of DEEP regarding its status. It was explained that the SHMC-Applications Review Committee meets the first Monday of every month. Once applications are received, they are placed on the ARC agenda for review and recommendations. The ARC recommendations are then considered by the SHMC, which meets on the third Tuesday of each month.

8. Next Meeting Date Confirmed: Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment.

- **Commissioner Karp made a motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

Cc: Mayor Caroline Simmons; Director Matthew Quinones; Director Louis DeRubeis; Samuel Abernethy; Paul Adelberg; Frank Baldassarre; Frank Fedeli; Russ Hollander; Robert Karp; William Malloy Jr.; Kevin Murray; Sergeant Kevin Fitzgibbon; Dr. Damian Ortelli; Michael Pensiero; Ray Redniss; Anthony Rubino; Tracy Donoghue--Board of Finance; Richard Warren; Board of Representatives--Post; Town Clerk--Post; Building Manager-- Post; Harbor Master.