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

Minutes of the May 21, 2013 Meeting

DRAFT (Revised)

A regular meeting of the Stamford Harbor Commission was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the Stamford Government Center – Operations Room – Tenth Floor.

Roll Call

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Paul Adelberg; Jack Condlin; Dr. Damian Ortelli; Michael Pensiero, Alternate; Ray Redniss; Art Ruffles, Alternate; Jeffery Saunders; Stuart Sobel; Robert J. Strada

Staff: Frank Fedeli, Customer Service Supervisor; Sgt. Bob Monck, SHC Stamford Police Dept. Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Mike Taylor, Harbor Master;

Absent: Captain Frank Fumega, Deputy Harbormaster; Doug Hamilton, City of Stamford-Marina Dept.

Identification of Guests

Ailla Wasstrom-Welz, C. Buckley & Wallack's Point Association; Kieran Ryan, Shippan Point Association; John Casey, Cynthia Reeder; and Sean Taylor.

Call to Order

Chairman Redniss called the scheduled meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business

1) Review and Approval of April 16, 2013 Minutes.

Paul Adelberg made a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013.

Seconded by Jack Condlin

Unanimously Approved

2) Review of any unfinished business: Chairman Redniss re-asked the question brought up to him about what can be done to prevent individuals from launching boats from dead end streets in the Cove, Shippan, etc.. Sgt. Monck suggested Parking Violations. Frank Fedeli commented it is the same as launching a boat without a launching permit, the information can be given to the Park Police who can monitor it and they can be given a \$90 fine or boat being taken away. Another suggestion made was to add signs in those areas that state "No Launching and No Storing Boats" - it may be an Ordinance violation and fines can be imposed. Mr. Fedeli stated it is in the launch permit Ordinance and zoning regulations and he will research it and report back his findings. The suggestion made was to send it to the Safety Committee to review further possibilities.

New Business

1) Correspondence. No new correspondence.

2) Chairman's Report:

- Chairman Redniss thanked Sgt. Monk and Mike Taylor for removing the tree at Westcott Cove.
- Chairman Redniss reminded all that the Public Hearing on the Restricted Speed Zones was the following evening at Parks & Recreation at 7:30 p.m., 4th Floor. If approved, it goes to the June 3, 2013 BOR Meeting for Adoption. If adopted, there is a 15 day appeal period before it is in effect.
- Chairman Redniss stated we are members of the CT Harbor Association and they sent us an invitation to attend their "Harbor Management Event", on June 10, 2013, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- Also, he reported a request from the Engineering Department to review a Navigational light at the end of the Cummings Beach Pier. Chairman Redniss suggested subtle lights on the pier should be okay, but the new signage should be adequate. The Commissioner's recommendation is for no navigational light, subtle lights are fine.

3) Staff Report: Mr. Frank Fedeli distributed a copy of the "Account Inquiry by Year for Mooring Permit Fees - 2013 ST City of Stamford Budgetary Chart -" dated May 20, 2013, total actuals are \$25,956.51, which are the revenue funds. Mr. Fedeli also distributed a list of the breakdown of the deposited mooring fees dated May 20, 2013. Mr. Fedeli discussed and distributed the "Fiscal Year 2013/2014 BOR Operating Budget", Dept/Div: 0553 G/S Stamford Cultural Dev. Corp. – Activity: 5094 Harbor Commission, total of \$19,067; and the "Fiscal Year 2013/2014 BOR Operating Budget", Dept/Div: 0394 Harbor Master – Activity: 3940 Harbor Master for gasoline, total of \$200. Discussion on the fuel needed for the Harbor Master boat would be once a month.

5) Committee Reports:

Application Committee: Commissioner Jack Condlin discussed the following three applications, the first two were discussed at their May 14, 2013, the third was discussed on May 21, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. :

1. COP for Avalon Bays Community Marina. The replacement of the damaged pilings from Hurricane Sandy of October 2012. 37 of the existing timber piles were damaged during the storm. All of them are being replaced in the exact location as they were permitted in 2001 when the marina was built. The Committee is recommending to the Commission that this COP does comply with the Harbor Management Plan. DEEP already issued a Certificate of Permission a couple of days ago.
2. COP for Yacht Haven East. They had to repair a bulkhead wall. Repairing and/or rebuilding approximately 200 feet of bulkhead wall along the south west boundary of the property. The Committee is recommending that it does comply with the Harbor Management Plan and a letter be sent out stating that it is compliant with the HMP.
3. Ronald Harvey Wallacks Drive Permit. The installation of a pier, float and a boat lift. Commissioner Condlin commented similar to last month's Wallacks application. This application predates the HMP. Therefore, there was no need for a determination of compliance or noncompliance. There is no Attachment E form to complete. Once the public hearing is noticed, the Commission will send a letter that they will appear at the public hearing and may comment at that time.

Moorings Committee/Long Range Planning. Commissioner Pensiero commented no meeting took place this month due a conflict in schedules.

Safety Committee. Commissioner Strada discussed the following items: speed zones, grant money for cameras, and barge traffic. Chairman Redniss discussed the blinding lights at "K" Park (from the ball field) are extremely bright when you are coming in from the harbor very difficult to see.

Harbor Master: Mike Taylor notified the first row of 7 mooring holders that will be affected by the ordinance (if approved) to be moved back.

6) Transact other new business.

Consultant Geoff Steadman discussed the meeting he attended on May 7, 2013, the Status Conference in Hartford on the Bridgewater Flood Plan Exemption Permit. Also, stating there is a hearing on this subject on June 19, 2013, at UCONN. Consultant Steadman suggested sending a letter expressing the Commission's

concerns regarding the possible effects on existing water dependent uses:

1. The impact on adjoining Ponus Yacht Club.
2. Diminishment of water dependent uses.
3. Diminishment of on-site boating services.

Paul Adelberg made a motion to have Geoff Steadman draft a communication stating the Commissions three concerns stated above and sending it via email.

Seconded by Stuart Sobel

Unanimously approved

Chairman Redniss and Commissioner Saunders did not participate in the voting.

Commissioner Condlin initially abstained, but later stated he had intended to vote against the motion.

The next scheduled meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Operations Room, Tenth Floor.

Jack Condlin made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Dr. Damian Ortelli

Unanimously approved

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
May 27, 2013

Cc: Commissioners; Michael A. Pavia, Mayor; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations;
Board of Representatives; Town Clerks Office