

Stamford Harbor Management Commission - Applications Review Committee Minutes Draft

Date: February 23, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901
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Roll Call: In Attendance were: Committee Chairman Griffith Trow; Committee members Commissioners Paul Adelberg, Steve Loeb and Mike Pensiero; Commissioner Dr. Damian Ortelli; SHMC Consultant Geoff Steadman; Staff Frank Fedeli and OSS Maria Vazquez-Goncalves.

Guests: Mauren Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; and Randy Dinter, Save Our Boatyard.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Trow at 6:04 p.m.

1. Review and Approval of January 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Ortelli moved to approve January 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes with amendments.

Seconded by Adelberg

Unanimously Approved

2. Committee Chairman Trow called John Freeman on the morning of February 18, 2015; Mr. Trow left a message with the secretary inviting Mr. Freeman or a representative to this Special Meeting tonight to explain the applications and request the applications/material to be sent to the Stamford Harbor Commission in digital form. Mr. Trow did not hear from Mr. Freeman.

Consultant Steadman passed out hard copies of portions of the documents that are being reviewed. Consultant Steadman summarized the following applications: Appl. 215-02; Appl. 215-03; 215-04; Appl. 215-05 ; Appl. 215-06; 215-07; and CSPR-978. He discussed the points that the Harbor Management Commission will be concerned about. Mr. Trow has a conceptual problem with the applications in this particular situation because they appear to be premised on changing the development condition; given that, is there a reason to support the applications – a reason to go beyond the issue of the release of the condition at this point. If that condition is eliminated then it would be inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan because what was there is not being replaced (or put back).

Discussion of consistency of Appl. 215-03 and dividing review of the applications amongst the group and review in detail at the next meeting. Do a comparison and make a review of the 2013 study that had been done in connection with the previous boatyard application. Loeb discussed Stamford Landing and Magee Avenue site comparison. First item to address is the waiver of condition 7 and then evaluate the other applications. The risk is we have no boatyard. From Land Use perspective are they all together, and are they going to contain a boatyard?

Geoff Steadman will contact Land Use to see where they are on the application. Consultant Steadman and OSS Goncalves will work together and scan certain documents.

It was the sense of the committee that Dr. Ortelli emails the Land Use Dept. to ask if they are planning to request something like what was done with the previous boatyard (comparison what existed at Yacht Haven 1990 compared to 205 Magee).

Look very careful what is there and what may be missing, implausible or not viable. As we get answers to the questions, then we may be able to present to the full commission. Each committee member will review the applications, as well as review the Table 6.1 Summary of comparison of both sites.

Mr. Trow will invite Mr. Freeman/representative to the next Application Review Committee meeting, which will be discussing the applications.

3. Confirmed that the next schedule meeting is on March 2, 2015.

Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Seconded by Ortelli

Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted by
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
February 24, 2015