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## CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

### Minutes of the April 23, 2014

#### DRAFT

A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2014 at the Stamford Government Center – Operations Room – Tenth Floor.

#### Roll Call

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Steven Loeb, Alternate; Michael Pensiero, Alternate; Dr. Damian Ortelli; Ray Redniss; Jeffery Saunders  
Staff: Frank Fedeli, Customer Service Supervisor; Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Sgt. Bob Monck, SHC Stamford Police Dept.; Mike Taylor, Harbor Master  
Absent: Jack Condlin, Commissioner; Robert J. Strada, Commissioner

#### Identification of Guests

Tom Young, Citizen; Nick Nguyen, Harbor Point; Mauren Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; & Randy Dinter, Save Our Boatyard.

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

#### Old Business

##### 1) Review and Approval of March 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Adelberg moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2014.

Seconded by Ortelli.

**Unanimously Approved**

2) **Unfinished business.** Chairman Redniss recognized Art Ruffels for his time serving the Harbor Commission with a plaque. Stuart Sobel was not present to receive his recognition letter. Discussion on the signs, rock markers and speed buoys. Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor, was told to proceed with ordering them. Discussion on the boating pamphlet ensued. Geoff Steadman distributed "Base Map by City of Stamford GIS Department; Data Overlay by Stamford Harbor Management Commission". It is a map that shows the areas of specific speed restriction in the Stamford Harbor Management area, as well as boating facilities. It was agreed to add other locations, such as Schooner Cove and Harbor House onto the pamphlet, if they have transients. Also, discussed was the purchasing of "Pamphlet Boxes" to locate them where boaters could easily pick one up.

#### New Business

1) **Chairman's Report:** Chairman Redniss commented there has been no word on the Deputy Harbor Master position.

Chairman Redniss reported on a communication received: From John T. Pinto, President, CT Harbor Master Association, Subject: Request of Meeting with CT Harbor Management Association Board Member. This meeting is to seek input from all the Commissions in the area to discuss Harbor Management issues or ideas. The meeting will take place at the end of May 2014 and the items to discuss on Harbor Management issues or ideas will be gathered at next month's meeting.

Chairman Redniss reported on issues going on at the Woodland Cemetery. Discussion on sediment issues, the cutting down of many trees, building roads, the disturbance of 4 or 5 acres of land with no information provided, and no Coastal Site Plan Permit. The situation is currently being reviewed by Corporation Council. Geoff Steadman commented that the DEEP is investigating and if it is in violation, there may be civil penalties assessed. The state does have a program called "Supplement Environmental Project". Mr. Steadman will follow up with DEEP. **Chairman Redniss suggested a sense of the board letter be drawn up by Geoff Steadman and sent to the Zoning Board. The object is to assure the filing of a**

complete Coastal Site Application. The letter should be sent to Norman Cole, Jim Lunney, and Tom Mills and a copy to Environmental Protection Board, as well as Corporation Counsel.

**Note: Due to the absence of other Commissioners, both Alternate Mike Pensiero and Alternate Steve Loeb will vote. Karp made a motion to have Geoff Steadman write a letter in reference to the above information.**

**Seconded by Pensiero.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**2) Staff Reports-Financial:** Frank Fedeli distributed the "Mooring Permit Fees" FY July 1, 2013- 2014 (current) collection, which shows a balance of \$4,758.29. Mr. Fedeli distributed the current "Operating Budget for FY 2013-2014".

**3) Committee Reports: Applications:** No applications, no report. Consultant Geoff Steadman commented that the DEEP informed him that they received a COP Application for Stamford Harbor Park Marina, BLT 333 Ludlow, One Star Point, regarding Bulkhead repair. Mr. Steadman mentioned the time limit to review the COP application is 45 days. As of today, this application was not received by the Harbor Management Commission.

**Planning/Moorings:** Commissioner Pensiero reported on their meeting on April 9, 2014. The following items were discussed: 1) Presentation for Brewers Yacht Haven Group, discussing what can potentially happen with the 14 acre property; 2) Vision of Stamford Harbor; 3) Moorings and registration in progress and Mooring documentation; 4) Discussion on Santech. Chairman Redniss recused himself from any discussion.

**Safety:** No report.

**Harbor Master:** Mike Taylor reported 81 moorings approved; 9 incomplete; and 1 waiting to get assigned location. Discussion on Shell Fish Commission.

**5) Transact other new business.** Mr. Tom Young commented on the Hurricane Preparedness Plan, with concern about mandating individuals to stay on their boats during a hurricane. The Commission will review the document.

Discussion on reviewing the Master Plan to make sure it is consistent document with the Harbor Management Plan, in respect to the coastal area. Before the plan can be adopted it has to be submitted to Harbor Management before a public hearing (first attentive meeting June 17, 2014), which would be 35 days prior to public hearing. Consultant Geoff Steadman recommended writing a letter to the Chairman of the Planning Board to explain the process and how we can work together to make sure the review is carried out according to the code and city statues. Commissioner Pensiero suggested putting together a special committee to review this item.

**Ortelli made a motion to have Geoff Steadman write a letter stating the Commission's concerns and be able to conduct review according to the codes and statues (refer to the above information).**

**Seconded by Karp.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Chairman Redniss reminded the Commission that all officer and committee chair positions need to be elected next month. Dr. Ortelli was appointed interim chairman for Applications committee.

**6) The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Operations Room, Tenth Floor.**

**Adelberg made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ortelli**

**Unanimously Approved**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves  
April 25, 2014

Cc: Commissioners; David Martin, Mayor; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations;  
Board of Representatives; Town Clerks Office