



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of the May 20, 2014

FINAL

A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at the Stamford Government Center – Operations Room – Tenth Floor.

Roll Call

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Steven Loeb, Alternate;; Dr. Damian Ortelli; Ray Redniss; Robert J. Strada; Griffith Trow

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: Michael Pensiero, Alternate; Jeffery Saunders, Commissioner

Identification of Guests

William J. Buckley; Tom Young, Citizen; Bill Brink, WPCA; Mike Handler, WPCA; Dan Capano, WPCA.

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

Old Business

1) Review and Approval of April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Adelberg moved to approve the minutes of April 23, 2014.

Seconded by Ortelli.

Unanimously Approved

2) Unfinished business. Discussion on signs, rock markers and speed buoys, their cost and invoices submitted for payment by Harbor Master, Mike Taylor. Consultant Geoff Steadman reviewed the "Boating Pamphlet" and "Pamphlet Boxes".

New Business

1) Chairman's Report: Chairman Redniss introduced the WPCA employees to discuss Sewage Spill. Mike Handler discussed the goal of WPCA, the process, shortfalls and the system issues. Mr. Handler discussed the event that occurred on April 30, 2014-May 1, 2014. He discussed the infrastructure, the flow of water and weather/rain in the system and the issues that occurred with the design during those circumstances. Notifications were sent out to the public in order to communicate what was going on with the system.

Chairman Redniss reported on a communication received: From Tom Young, re: Hurricane Preparedness Plan, one person needs to stay on a rafted boat behind a closed barrier. Chairman Redniss stated there is communication between Ted Jankowski, Director of Public Safety Health & Wellness, and the Coastguard, inquiring about this issue. Mr. Jankowski will keep us posted.

2) Committee Reports: Applications: Chairman Redniss recused himself from the following Applications Committee review. Commissioner Ortelli discussed three applications:

- 112 Southfield Avenue pre-application, stating that not much affects the water dependent use. They are completing the boardwalk that goes down to the park.
- 333 Ludlow Application repairing some bulkheads that were not placed properly and started to cave in. They are repairing it from a knee high wall to rail across. They are replacing metal sheeting and adding piece that gets embedded in concrete.

- Woodland Cemetery Application was tabled to the next Application Committee Meeting.

Consultant Geoff Steadman suggested the language used for bulkhead repair projects, includes the following comment: It is the policy of the Harbor Management Plan and to encourage the timely repair and maintenance of existing shore protection structures as necessary to protect existing development. Include a basic recommendation that for all bulkhead repair projects that the applicant should employ appropriate best management practices during construction, to ensure adverse impact on environmental quality including water quality in the Stamford Harbor. Another statement is that the Commission reserves the right to continue to review the application at such time as additional information may be provided. Note: based on the information provided to the commission by the applicant that the project will include a 42 inch rail. The proposal is that it is consistent with Harbor Management Plan and that the Commission provides the following comments and recommendations.

Note: Due to the absence of Commissioner Jeff Saunders, alternate Steven Loeb will vote.

Adelberg made a motion to find the application consistent with the HMP per Geoff Steadman comments above in reference to 333 Ludlow Application. Seconded by Karp. Unanimously Approved

Consultant Steadman provided the following comments in reference to 112 Southfield Avenue that was addressed to the Zoning Board, a Coastal Site Plan. It is the policy of the Harbor Management Plan to encourage and support redevelopment of unutilized water front properties, where that redevelopment is expected to result in significant and long term beneficial impacts on the Stamford Harbor water front. 1) It is a policy of the Harbor Management Plan to encourage and support the provision of facilities and opportunities for public access to the harbor, including well designed meaningful and coordinated public access to the harbor provided as a substantial component of water front redevelopment projects. Another statement, The Commission reserves its right to review the applicant proposal to the Zoning Board at such time as it may be modified for when additional information concerning the proposal may be submitted to the Commission. 2) Provide additional comments regarding the Proposal to the Zoning Board prior to or during any Public Hearing that may be held by the Zoning Board. Further discussion took place. Consultant Steadman commented, instead of stating it is the policy of the plan to encourage and support public access, the comment should be Zoning Board should require the applicant to provide well design facilities and opportunities for public access to and along the west branch and the Commission reserves its right to review and provide comments on them, when detail plans are provided.

Adelberg made a motion to find the pre- application consistent with the HMP per Geoff Steadman comments above in reference to 112 Southfield Avenue Application.

Seconded by Karp.

Unanimously Approved

3) Staff Reports-Financial: Frank Fedeli distributed the "Mooring Permit Fees", City of Stamford Budgetary Chart-Account Activity dated May 19, 2014 (current up to date collection), which shows a balance of \$31,365.70.

4) Committee Reports:

Planning/Moorings: No report.

Safety: No report.

Harbor Master: Mike Taylor reported 82 moorings approved; 10 moorings more this year than last year. Harbor Master Taylor discussed a recent incident with a barge, Greater New York Towing. Sgt. Monck discussed the permit of 1983, the limit of 4 barges.

5) Transact other new business.

Election of Officers – Nomination:

- Chairman – Dr. Damian Ortelli; Vice Chairman – Ray Redniss; Secretary/Treasurer – Bob Karp

Appointed Committee Chairs:

- Mooring & Planning – Paul Adelberg; Application Review – Griffith Trow; Safety – Bob Strada

Strada made a motion vote on the slate of the Election of Officers and Appointed Committee Chairs. Seconded by Adelberg. Unanimously Approved

Note: It is the recommendation of the Commission to send a letter to DEEP/Buchanan regarding the permit violation.

6) The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Operations Room, Tenth Floor.

Trow made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Redniss

Unanimously Approved

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
June 13, 2014

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