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## CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

### Minutes of the June 17, 2014

#### DRAFT

A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 17, 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; Michael Pensiero, Alternate; Ray Redniss; Jeffery Saunders; Robert J. Strada; Griffith Trow  
Staff: Frank Fedeli, Customer Service Supervisor; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Sgt. Bob Monck, SHC Stamford Police Dept.; Mike Taylor, Harbor Master  
Absent: Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor

#### Identification of Guests

Tom Young, Citizen; Anne Hoffman, Citizen; Maryann Goldenberg, Save Our Boatyard; Eric Knott, HM Candidate; Randy Dinter, Citizen; and Amy LiVolsi, Stamford Assist. Corporation Counsel.

Call to Order: Chairman Ortelli called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and recommended changing the order of the agenda to begin with Ms. LiVolsi (Agenda Item 6), presentation and discussion of FOI requirements.

#### **6) Transact other new business as may properly come before the Commission.**

a) FOI presentation by Amy LiVolsi, Stamford Assist. Corporation Counsel. Ms. LiVolsi distributed F.O.I. 101, a handout regarding Freedom of Information requirements and procedures for the public sector. Following a detailed explanation by Attorney LiVolsi, lengthy discussion ensued by the Commissioners with Ms. LiVolsi answering many questions.

#### Old Business

##### **1) Review and Approval of May 20, 2014 Meeting Minutes.**

**Adelberg moved to approve the draft minutes of May 20, 2014 with amendments.**

**Seconded by Trow.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**2) Unfinished business.** Discussion on signs, rock markers and speed buoys. Sgt. Monck discussed the 3 buoys on the East side. Consultant Steadman discussed the "Boating Pamphlet" and "Pamphlet Boxes. Mr. Steadman will submit invoices for reimbursement. The Boating Pamphlets and boxes will be distributed amongst the Commissioners, Harbor Master and Marina Supervisor to be placed in the appropriate areas. Commissioner Redniss reported on two items: the May 28, 2014, SMPD light safety cruise to view the impact on navigation of the lights at K-Park; and the WPCA follow-up will continue on issues related to sewage spills caused by storm events.

#### New Business

**3) Chairman's Report:** Chairman Ortelli reported on the following letters: a) Letters to OSLIP re: Buchanan Mooring. He reported Buchanan's response and photos; Commission's response and Mike Taylor, Harbor Master, to follow up with a letter. b) 2<sup>nd</sup> letter from Tom Young re: Hurricane Preparedness. Mr. Young offered to provide additional sources making his case. The matter will go back to Safety Committee for review. c) Deputy Harbor Master/Harbor Master status: Mike Taylor will be stepping down as Harbor Master. No further communication was received from the State in reference to Deputy Harbor Master, Eric Knott. The Commission's recommendation is for Mr. Knott to be appointed to the position of Harbor Master to fill the vacancy arising from Mr. Taylor's departure.

**Redniss made a motion to recommend Eric Knott be appointed as Harbor Master, notify the other two original applicants to see if they are still interested in the Deputy Harbor Master position; and to re-advertise for the Deputy Harbor Master position. Seconded by Strada. Unanimously Approved**

d) Land Use public meeting at HYC/ re: Cummings Marina on June 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Discussion regarding email from Erin McKenna on a selection committee to review the proposals for dredging at West Beach, Cummings and Cove channels. This is the first of 3 public meetings on this subject.

**4) Staff Reports: Financial and Harbor Master.** Mr. Fedeli reported on the FY 2013-2014 expenses currently being paid. Harbor Master Taylor reported 85 currently approved moorings, 8 are pending; barge activity down; and expense for mooring stickers.

**5) Committee Reports:**

**Safety** – Commissioner Strada reported on his conversation with Karen Cammarota, Stamford Grants Officer, about the grant for the harbor cameras. Strada said he is arranging a meeting with vendors A-1 Technology and AST to discuss proposals for the cameras.

**Applications** – Commissioner Trow reported on the Woodland Cemetery Application heard by the Applications Committee just prior to the full commission meeting. Commissioner Trow described the presentation, highlighting the Commissioners concerns over the enormous clear cutting of trees extending to the water's edge, and issues of erosion, soil movement and infiltration of sediment into the harbor. Commissioner Trow stated that the Woodland Cemetery Application, as presented, is inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

**Note: After his report, Commissioner Trow left the meeting -Alternate Pensiero will vote.**

**Pensiero made a motion to have Consultant Steadman draft a letter to the Zoning Board detailing the Commissioners' concerns/recommendations, and finding of inconsistency with the harbor management Plan. Seconded by Karp. Unanimously Approved**

**Note: Prior to discussion of the next agenda item, Commissioner Redniss recused himself and left the meeting, and Commissioner Saunders recused himself. Alternate Loeb will vote.**

**Planning/Moorings** - Commissioner Loeb reported on the two Committee meetings held on May 27, 2014 and June 11, 2014 (minutes are on the website) and the Committee's letter to the Mayor - **Future Vision for Stamford Harbor**. He presented the elements of the letter in detail, along with attachments, Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

**Loeb made a motion to approve the letter and send the letter to Mayor Martin. Seconded by Strada. Unanimously approved**

**6) Transact other new business as may properly come before the Commission.**

Appointed Committee Chair: Change Chairman of Long Range Planning/Mooring from Adelberg to Loeb.

Commissioner Loeb brought up the issue of proposed lighting on a building at the BLT property and the possibility of it interfering with navigation, and suggested sending an email/communication to the Zoning Board about the Commission's concerns.

**Karp made a motion to send an email/communication to the Zoning Board regarding the Commission's concerns. Seconded by Pensiero Unanimously Approved**

Commissioner Loeb voiced his concern about the status of the city land adjacent to 205 Magee Ave. While theoretically accepted as a city park and designated as park land in the city master plan, the property is still zoned industrial (MG). This matter will be taken up in committee.

**7) The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Operations Room, Tenth Floor.**

**Adelberg made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Strada Unanimously Approved**

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves  
July 4, 2014

Cc: Commissioners; David Martin, Mayor; Ernie Orgera, Director of Operations;  
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