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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of July 15, 2014

FINAL

A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at the Stamford Government Center – Training Room – 6th Floor.

Roll Call

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Steven Loeb, Alternate; Dr. Damian Orтели; Michael Pensiero, Alternate; Ray Redniss; Jeffery Saunders; Robert J. Strada; Griffith Trow

Staff: Geoff Steadman, Consultant

Absent: Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor; Frank Fedeli, COS; Eric Knot, Harbor Master; Sgt. Bob Monck, Stamford Police Dept.

Guests:

Maureen Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; David Antar, A+ Technology; Scott Connery, Save Our Boatyard; Carolyn Goldenberg, Save Our Boatyard; Thomas Young; Kieran Ryan, District 1-BOR; Randy Dinter, Save Our Boatyard; Matt Rakouski, RACE; Gary Sorge, Stantec; & Erin McKenna, COS-Land Use Bureau.

Call to Order: Chairman Orтели called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and recommended changing the order of today's agenda to begin with Item 6) **New Business** following Agenda Item 1).

1) Review and Approval of June 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Strada moved to approve, Seconded by Redniss. Unanimously Approved

6) New Business: The following presentations were made to the Commission:

- Conceptual proposal by A+ Technology to furnish and install surveillance cameras in Stamford Harbor
- Preliminary redesigns of Cummings Park and Marina and West Beach by Santec Consulting
- Revised conceptual plan by Save Our Boatyard for the 14-acre former Yacht Haven Boat Yard & Marina

2) Old Business:

- Discussion of signs, rock markers, and no speed zone buoy at Dolphin Cove
- Discussion of recently distributed Boating Guide Pamphlets. Feedback has been positive.
- Discussion on Land Use Public Meeting at HYC/re: Cummings Marina presentation

3) Chairman's Report: Chairman Orтели reported on the following communications:

- a) Letter to Mayor Martin re: harbor vision, a meeting has been scheduled with the Mayor.
- b) Letter to Zoning re: proposed illumination of a building at Harbor Point.
 - General discussion ensued on applications not getting referred to the Harbor Commission for review and on the 35 day deadline for HMC review and comment prior to applications scheduled for public hearing.

Commissioner Trow moved that the Commission send a follow up letter to the Land Use Bureau requesting a meeting to discuss an effective protocol for referring applications to HMC for review and comment.

Motion seconded by Redniss. Unanimously approved

c) Discussed the "Coast Guard Auxiliary Day".

d) Deputy Harbor Master: ad to be placed in the Advocate and Commissioner Trow to follow up with the two previous applicants on file.

e) Discussed the Woodland Cemetery letter to Zoning and DEEP's response to the Cemetery's application, which Commissioner Redniss reported on.

4) Staff Reports: Financial – Via email Frank Fedeli (FF) informed the Commission of certain expenses/invoices submitted by the Harbor Master which FF has approved for payment; and that arrangements are being made to allow the Harbor Master to fuel his boat at the City gas pumps. Other items mentioned in FF's correspondence touched on securing the 6th Floor Training Room for HMC's monthly meetings; his recommendation that time be allotted at monthly Commission meetings for public comment; and that the Commission request that all pertinent referrals be transmitted to each commissioner and staff member electronically for prompt receipt and secure record retention.

Harbor Master. Harbor Master Knott is out of country. In his absence Chairman Ortelli summarized his report, submitted via email prior to today's meeting. To date 90 mooring permits have been issued, 3 are pending final approval, and several unauthorized moorings are being investigated. The Harbor Master's full report is attached to these minutes.

5) Committee Reports:

Safety – Commissioner Strada reported on his meeting with A+ Technology. Discussion on the quotes, IT issues, location of the cameras and grant money. The committee will continue to review.

Applications – Commissioner Trow asked about the procedure to have Maria Vazquez-Goncalves attend Applications Committee meetings to record and take minutes. They will communicate with Mr. Fedeli to find out the proper procedure. Consultant Steadman discussed with the Commission the commercial mooring issue (Amboy Aggregates).

Planning/Moorings - Commissioner Loeb reported on two Committee meetings held on June 25, 2014 and July 10, 2014. Minutes are posted on the Commission's website. Commissioner Loeb raised the issue of city owned open space adjacent to 205 Magee Ave. being designated a park in the city master plan but remains zoned industrial (MG) on the city's zoning map. Loeb suggested the Commission request the Board of Representatives officially accept the parcel as a park. Additionally, he recommended the Commission consider applying to the Zoning Board to change the parcel's zone to conform to the master plan's park designation. The matter was referred to the Planning Committee for discussion.

6) New Business: Chairman Ortelli reported that all commissioners and staff now have a City email address. Going forward he will be communicating through this email system and recommended that all Commission members and staff do the same. Commissioner Loeb recommended updating the Commission's mission statement, restating it to reflect its current approach and involvement in managing Stamford's coastline and harbor.

7) Public Participation – The Harbor Commission Member from Greenwich made an impromptu visit and invited commission members to attend a future meeting of the Greenwich Harbor Commission. Maureen Boylan commented on the Harbor Point light show. Thomas Young commented on meeting with the Safety Committee.

8) Next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, August 19, 2014, 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room on the 6th Floor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Strada, seconded by Commissioner Redniss, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Robert M. Karp
Secretary/Treasurer
August 11, 2014

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