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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of September 16, 2014

FINAL

A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at the Stamford Government Center – Senior Center Auditorium – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

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

**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: Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor; Frank Fedeli, COS; Eric Knot, Harbor Master; Sgt. Bob Monck, Stamford Police Dept.; Geoff Steadman, Consultant;  
Guests: Maureen Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; Tom Young; Max Haub, BLT; Gary Silberberg, Greenwich Harbor Mgmt.

**1) Review and Approval of August 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes.**

**Adelberg moved to approve the minutes with amendments.**

**Seconded by Trow.**

**Unanimously Approved**

**2) Chairman's Report:** Chairman Ortelli reported on the following items:

- a) Update on the referrals from zoning procedure is working well now.
- b) Discussion on complaints about the Harbor Point Styrofoam.
- c) Discussion on recording all SHMC business now, video camera available from the Operations Dept., as well as video cameras now being setup on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training room and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Cafeteria.

**3) Staff Reports:**

**a) Financial** - Frank Fedeli reported he is waiting for the auditors to complete the Harbor Commission Operating and Revenue report. Mr. Fedeli will communicate that information to the Commissioners once he receives that report.

**b) Harbor Master** - Harbor Master Knott reported 95 permitted moorings. Harbor Master Knott commented he will be communicating to the Yacht Clubs that have their own moorings to identify the ones that should not be there. Discussion on the following items: more communication with tug companies; update on discarded fishing gear near the hurricane barrier and its slow removal by its owner; and the old docks around the former Brewer Yacht Haven West Marina/Boat Yard were removed/secured by BLT.

**4) Committee Reports:**

**Safety** – Commissioner Strada reported there was no meeting. He asked about the status on the document “Shore Power Cords: Proper Use and Maintenance” which was distributed to various city departments for comment. Since none was forthcoming, the Commission will proceed to disseminate the document to marinas, yacht clubs and other appropriate locations. Commissioner Redniss reported that a blinding light at K-Park has been adjusted so that it no longer presents a visual hazard to boaters. However, the softball field lights are still a problem.

**Applications** – Commissioner Trow reported on the meeting held on September 2, 2014. Interviews took place with three candidates for the position of Deputy Harbor Master. The candidates were Richard Ramsey, Yale Greenman and Erik

Hansen. The Committee went into executive session to discuss the candidates. Returning in open session, the committee voted to support Yale Greenman as its first recommendation and include listing the other two candidates for Governor Malloy to consider appointing. Commissioner Trow removed himself from the discussion and selection process both in open and executive session.

**With Commissioner Trow again recusing himself, Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation and send the list of candidates to the Governor for his consideration.**

**Seconded by Adelberg.**

**Unanimously Approved**

Commissioner Trow reported on three pending applications: one pertaining to Walter Wheeler Drive; another regarding the repair of a seawall at the residence of 2 Ocean Drive North; and a third application submitted by Dolphin Cove Association to dredge a certain portion of its cove. All three applications will be further reviewed in committee.

The committee received a letter from Stamford Senior Planner David Woods inviting the Commission to review the Planning Board's proposed Master Plan revisions and to comment on them at its October 7, 2014 public hearing. The Committee, after a considerable review of the Plan, found it deficient in addressing the city's waterfront and harbor areas, noting there was less relevant text regarding Stamford's Coast than the 2002 Master Plan it seeks to replace. According to HMC Consultant Steadman, who himself authored an extensive submittal for inclusion into the new Master Plan, reported that the PB consultants decided to incorporate harbor management planning in a proposed Sustainability Section, albeit in a very abbreviated fashion. With Steadman's assistance, the Committee drafted a letter for Commission authorization pointing out, among other things, the Draft Master Plan fails to recognize and adequately address the waterfront and coastal properties as a significant asset to the city and by this omission is inconsistent with the Stamford Harbor Management Plan. Further discussion was held with some changes to the letter offered and agreed to.

**Upon motion by Commissioner Pensiero, seconded by Commissioner Redniss, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize the letter (as modified) be transmitted to the Planning Board, certain land use officials, and other city officials such as the Mayor and the city's Director of Legal Affairs.**

**Planning/Moorings** - Commissioner Steve Loeb reported no meeting.

**5) Old Business:**

- Marina Supervisor Elumba reported on rock markers and speed buoys. They still need 1 rock and 1 speed buoy.
- Commissioner Redniss commented it is time to submit information to CT Boating Guide for them to update the flyer.

**6) New Business:** Commission Karp discussed loud noise at 250 Harbor Drive.

**7) Public Participation** – Maureen Boylan commented on the following items: Notice of Hurricane wall going up; Marina Bay Condos, problem with regards to illegal shed on the docks; and BLT complaints being filed and illegal foam boards falling in the water.

Greenwich Harbor Commission Member Gary Silberberg commented about the requirement for Deputy Harbor Master.

Kieran Ryan, BOR-District, discussed the complaints he has been receiving from his district in reference to boats being launched off of dead end roads on/off of Shippan Avenue. There currently is no ordinance. If you want to launch get a permit, it is not appropriate to launch at end of streets off of Shippan Avenue. Therefore, he is working with the BOR to come up with the language to create an ordinance and would like to work with the Harbor Commission. This subject was recommended to be taken up at the Safety Committee.

**8) Next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Karp, seconded by Commissioner Strada, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Robert M. Karp  
Secretary/Treasurer  
September 18, 2014

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