



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of October 21, 2014

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A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at the Stamford Government Center – Senior Center Auditorium – 2nd Floor.

Call to Order: Chairman Ortelli called the meeting to order at 6:42 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: Frank Fedeli, COS; Eric Knot, Harbor Master; Sgt. Bob Monck, Stamford Police Dept.; Geoff Steadman, Consultant

Absent: Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor

Guests: Cynthia Reeder; Max Haub, BLT; Gary Silberberg, Greenwich; Maureen Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; Dawn Rogers, Save Our Boatyard; Randy Dinter, Save Our Boatyard; Carolyn Goldenberg, Save Our Boatyard; and Tom Young

1) Review and Approval of September 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Strada moved to approve the minutes on September 16, 2014. Seconded by Redniss Unanimously Approved

Review and Approval of the Special Meeting on September 30, 2014 Meeting Minutes.

Adelberg moved to approve the minutes on September 30, 2014. Seconded by Redniss. Unanimously Approved

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

- a) The Parade of Lights will take Place on Saturday, November 29, 2014, all are welcomed to attend.
- b) Discussion ensued on the following matters: Baypointe Application and the referral process; the need or efficacy to hold a meeting with the chairs of the Planning & Zoning boards and their lead staff. Suggestion was made to require coastal site plan applications be submitted simultaneously to Planning, Zoning and the HMC.
- c) Amended Speed Zone Ordinance to be incorporated into the Boaters Guide for the upcoming season.

3) Staff Reports:

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

b) Harbor Master - Harbor Master Knott reported 95 permitted moorings. He also reported on: an incident at the Westcott Cove; Sgt. Monck having access to the online mooring system; Barges in the harbor are now lit at night; Small non-recreational vessels will not be allowed to pump bilge water in Connecticut as of January 14, 2015.

4) Committee Reports:

Safety – Commissioner Strada reported there was no meeting.

Applications – Commissioner Trow reported on the meeting held on October 6, 2014 at which were discussed the following applications:

- a) Walter Wheeler Drive Zoning Board App 208-06 Modification (S3) – Lighting Plan. The building, now under construction, has been modified from Hotel to Residential use, necessitating review by the HMC. The committee found the application unclear and is requesting the applicant appear before the committee to present its plans and provide additional information. Redniss recused himself from this application.
- b) Dolphin Cove Association Application – reviewed letter and supporting documentation submitted to the Stamford Environmental Protection Board– to repair/replace rip rap displaced by Super Storm Sandy. Adelberg recused himself from this application.

Karp moved that the application is consistent with the Stamford Harbor Management Plan, as long as the work is done by land as proposed. Seconded by Redniss. Unanimously Approved with Adelberg abstaining.

Planning/Moorings - Commissioner Loeb reported no meeting was held. Committee is tracking down the status of the remediation work on the 14 acre former Yacht Haven boatyard site.

5) Old Business:

- Discussion ensued over hauling and storing certain rock markers and speed buoys. One uncharted speed buoy needs to be pulled without further delay. On a motion by Adelberg and seconded by Karp, the Commission authorized contracting with OMG to haul the buoy for an amount not to exceed \$500 if the buoy hasn't been pulled in two weeks. Motion was approved unanimously.

- To date no response has been received regarding the Commission's Harbor Vision letter to the Mayor.

- Chairman Ortelli discussed the Harbor Point Styrofoam complaints.

- Chairman Ortelli reviewed HMC's input on the Planning Board's master plan process, referencing Consultant Steadman's extensive recommendations, and the oral testimony and written submissions presented at the PB's public hearings by Ortelli and Karp respectively on Oct. 7 and 14, 2014. General discussion ensued by the Commissioners regarding next steps. At issue is the Commission's procedural requirement to review the PB's amended Master Plan prior to its adoption. The Commission authorized Chairman Ortelli to send a letter to PB Chair Theresa Dell reiterating the legal case for requiring the Commission's review and inviting her and senior land use officials to meet with certain members of the Commission in hopes of resolving the matter.

6) New Business: The following items were discussed: Requesting BLT's John Freeman to present the End of Year Review on the status of the temporary boatyard and fuel depot: The Hurricane Gate is now in the down position and reported to be fully operational; Latest word is that going forward the Commission will be meeting regularly in the 6th floor Training Room. Chairman Ortelli is to seek confirmation in writing.

7) Public Participation – The following individuals spoke:

- Maureen Boylan commented on the Temporary Boatyard; Parade of Lights; and the Master Plan meeting.

- Tom Young reported that "new science" is now postulating future hurricanes likely will not take a westerly track when moving up the eastern coast, as Sandy had done in 2012.

- Gary Silberberg commented favorably on the calm and respectful manner in which the Stamford Harbor Commission conducts its deliberations. He reiterated his invitation to all Commission members to attend the Greenwich Harbor Commission's meetings typically held on the 3rd Wed. of each month.

8) Next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2014, 6:30 p.m. in the Training Room on the 6th Floor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Redniss, seconded by Commissioner Strada, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Karp

Secretary/Treasurer

October 29, 2014

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