



CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of May 19, 2015

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A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the Stamford Government Center – Training Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor.

Called to order at 6:35 p.m., Chairman Ortelli presiding.

**In Attendance:**

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli; Robert Karp; Paul Adelberg; Robert J. Strada; Ray Redniss; Griffith Trow; Michael Pensiero, Alternate, Commissioner  
Staff: Frank Fedeli, COS; Eric Knott, Harbor Master; Yale Greenman, Deputy Harbor Master; Sgt. Bob Monck, Stamford Police Dept.; Geoff Steadman, Consultant  
Absent: Commissioners Jeffery Saunders; Steven Loeb, Alternate; Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor

**1) Review and Approval of April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes.**

RE: Application from Southfield Property LLC: Commissioner Trow discussed changing the wording to reflect Consultant Steadman's finding that the Commission at this time cannot provide a favorable recommendation.

**Commissioner Trow moved to make the change to the April 21, 2015 draft minutes with the above corrected wording. Seconded by Mike Pensiero. Approved Unanimously**

**Commissioner Trow moved to approve April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg. Approved Unanimously**

**2) Chairman's Report: D. Ortelli**

- a) Welcomed newly appointed Stamford Deputy Harbor Master, Yale Greenman.
- b) Updated Commission on HM's harbor pollution letter to BOR.
- c) Briefly reported on status of Harbor Management Budget.
- d) Reported on the Moveable Hurricane Barrier closing for maintenance to have occurred 5/19/15 6am-6pm.
- e) Reported on the removal of 2 non-compliant fences water ward of the Stamford Ave. seawall. Consultant Steadman seeking compliance verification from CT-DEEP.

**3) Staff Reports:**

**a) Financial – Frank Fedeli**

Discussed the process for obtaining city grants and supplementary appropriations. Will seek quotes for purchasing a "cleaner" boat with which to pick up debris in harbor waters. Also presented revenue raising options for the Commission to consider. Referred to Long Range Planning Committee for review.

**b) Harbor Master – E. Knott**

See attachment for HM's report.

**4) Committee Reports:**

**Safety – R. Strada.** No meeting. Commissioner Redniss reported on a glare issue regarding K-Park softball lights interfering with channel navigation beacons. Reported there is money in the Park & Rec budget to correct the problem.

**Applications – G. Trow.** Commissioner Trow brought forward the following applications discussed at the ARC's meeting on 5/4/2015.

- CT-DEEP OSLISP COP Application for 243 Dolphin Quay Cove. This application concerns a boat ramp removal, and existing seawall and revetment repair and improvement. These structures predate the Harbor Management Plan. Committee found the application is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan providing the increase in seawall height will not adversely impact adjacent properties.

**Commissioner Trow moved for Commission support of the application per comments and findings as drafted by Steadman. Seconded by Commissioner Redniss. Approved Unanimously**

**Ray Redniss recused himself on the following applications:**

- Pre-application, DEEP Permit Consultation Form, Young Mariners Foundation, East side of Southfield Avenue. Application to be reviewed at ARC's next regular meeting.
- CSPP 984 Koskiusko Park repairs submitted by the City of Stamford on referral from the Land Use Bureau. Application to be reviewed at ARC's next regular meeting.

**Planning/Moorings – S. Loeb.** No meeting, no report.

**Harbor Management Plan Review – Ray Redniss.** No meeting, no report.

**5) Old Business:**

- a) CHMA/Port Authority: Consultant Steadman updated the Commission on recent legislative action in the state legislature regarding the newly created Port Authority. At this point unclear how the state's smaller ports, including Stamford, will make out. Funding grants and HM program are primary concerns.
- b) Commission discussed its 2015 Safe Boating Pamphlet distribution.

**6) New Business:**

- a) Election of SHMC Officers scheduled to be held at the Commission's next regular meeting. Nominating committee made up of Applications Review Committee members: Trow, Adelberg, Pensiero and Karp.
- b) Commission discussed the "Stamford Marine Market Study" prepared by Integra Realty on behalf of developer BLT.

**Commissioner Pensiero made a motion that Chairman Ortelli with input from Commissioners Trow and Karp and Consultant Steadman submit a letter to the ZB regarding this study. Seconded by Commissioner Strada. Approved Unanimously**

**7) Public Participation –** The following addressed the Commission:

**Randy Dinter, Save Our Boatyard** – mentioned that the Stamford Power Squadron has certified instructors for conducting classes on boating safety.

**8) Next scheduled Commission meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room. Commission discussed moving the meeting date for August 2015 to Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Adel berg, seconded by Commissioner Redniss, Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted  
Robert M. Karp  
Secretary/Treasurer  
May 20, 2015

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