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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of June 16, 2015

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A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at the Stamford Government Center – Training Room, 6th 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; Jeffrey Saunders; Alternates: Michael Pensiero, Steven Loeb
Staff:	Frank Fedeli, COS; Eric Knott, Harbor Master; Yale Greenman, Deputy Harbor Master; Sgt. Bob Monck, Stamford Police Dept.; Geoff Steadman, Consultant
Absent:	Sean Elumba, Marina Supervisor
Guest:	Maureen Boylan, Save Our Boatyard; Mr. Kern, Observer, Alex Green, Advocate.

1) Review and Approval of May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve May 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Redniss. Approved Unanimously

2) Chairman's Report: D. Ortelli

a) Brief follow up on how the BOR has been handling the Harbor Master's report on harbor pollution and debris.

b) Mentioned that at tomorrow's meeting of the BOR Health and Safety Committee two resolutions are to be taken up: 1) supporting a mechanism for cleaning the harbor; and 2) urging the administration to find a more accessible base location for the city marine police operations.

3) Staff Reports:

a) **Financial – Frank Fedeli**
Discussed the cleaner boat concept in further detail. Vendor offering to provide a 3 week demo in Stamford Harbor at a cost of $4,500.00-$4,600.00. Various funding methods were discussed for acquiring such a boat.

a-1) When SYC's mooring payment comes in, HMC's revenue account will total approx. $56,000.

b) **Harbor Master – E. Knott**
See attachment for HM's report. Commission also discussed the current state of repair of the Harbor Master Boat.

Commissioner Adelberg moved to authorize an amount not to exceed $4,000.00 for purchasing certain items based upon the list created by HM Knott including a new antenna; 6 PFDs; dock lines; tow line, bilge pump, and spot light, and for repairing the strobe light.
Seconded by Commissioner Strada Approved Unanimously

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4) **Committee Reports:**

Applications – G. Trow.
Serving as a nominating committee for the election of officers, the ARC composed a slate of nominees for election by the full commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Committee members present and voting were Trow, Adelberg, Pensiero and Karp recommending the current officers be retained for the coming year.

Commissioner Strada moved to accept the Committee's recommendation to keep the same officers in place: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Ray Redniss, Vice Chairman: and Robert Karp, Secretary/Treasurer.
Seconded by Commissioner Saunders. Approved Unanimously

Committee chair Trow brought forth the following applications as follows:

Ray Redniss recused himself on the following application:

- Pre-application, DEEP Permit Consultation Form, Young Mariners Foundation, East side of Southfield Avenue. Seeking to dredge a portion of shore area to allow for greater dock utilization.

Committee found no objection and commission would reserve its right to determine its consistency with the plan at such time of public notice or public hearing. Request copy of application submitted to DEEP. In support of the application, the Commission cites the HM Plan supporting dredging proposals for enhancing water usage and public access.

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

- CSPR 984 Koskiuszko Park repairs submitted by the City of Stamford on referral from the Land Use Bureau. Shoreline restoration project.

The propose activity is consistent with the HMP provided 1) That the applicant employs all appropriate Best Management Practices during construction to ensure no adverse impacts on environmental quality in the Stamford Harbor. 2) The work will not disturb any previously remediated areas. HMP recognizes that maintenance, repair and replacement of existing shore and protecting structures are necessary from time to time to support continual beneficial public waterfront access for K Park. If the City has long range plans for enhancing the park they should be submitted and reviewed as a comprehensive package. Committee finds the plans of the city to restore the park's shoreline to be consistent with the HMP.

Commissioner Trow moved for Commission to support of the application per comments and findings as drafted by Steadman. Seconded by Commissioner Redniss. Approved Unanimously
See attachment of Applications Review Committee minutes.
Next meeting for Applications Review Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015 at 6 p.m.

Safety – R. Strada. Commissioner Strada discussed the meeting held on June 15, 2015.
See attachment of Safety Committee minutes.

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 bill was not passed.
   b) Commission discussed its 2015 Safe Boating Pamphlet distribution.

Ray Redness & Jeffery Saunders recused them from the topic below.

   c) Discussion was held on LUB Chief Norman Cole's response to the Commission's request for clarification on a zoning regulation calling for a market analysis and peer review of the 14-acre former site of the BYH boatyard. There seems to be an interpretation difference over when such analysis and review is to occur. In an effort to bring

additional clarity to the issue, Chairman Ortelli will request a meeting with Mr. Cole to discuss the logic in his response to the Commission. Commissioner Loeb and Consultant Steadman to join the meeting.

Geoff Steadman commented DEEP informed him yesterday that Applicant, Southfield Property LLC, requested a Public hearing to be held in connection with Davenport Landing. DEEP commented the hearing is likely to take place in August 2015.

Commissioner Pensiero made a motion to request in writing that DEEP postpone the anticipated hearing no sooner than September 2015.
Seconded by Commissioner Karp. Approved Unanimously

d) Concerns were voiced regarding 7 speed buoys and 3 rock markers not being maintained or replaced. Discussion ensued as to how best to address the issue.

6) **New Business:**
   a) None

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

   Maureen Boylan, Save Our Boatyard – suggested the Commission send a formal letter to Deputy Corporation Counsel Jim Minor requesting a status report on the ZB's consultant's report analyzing the proposed new boatyard at Davenport Landing.

8) **Next scheduled Commission meeting: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., 6th Floor Training Room.**
Commission discussed moving the meeting date from August 18, 2015 to Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Adelberg seconded by Commissioner Redniss, Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Robert M. Karp
Secretary/Treasurer
June 17, 2015

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

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 06/16/2015

- As of this morning (06/16/2015) mooring records indicate the following status;

  82 mooring renewal applications approved
  04 mooring / renewal applications under review / in progress
  02 agreed to hold dormant for 1-year
  05 expired
  02 rejected
  30 cancelled or duplicate records

  The annual bill has been delivered to the SYC but I do not yet know if this has been settled.

  Permit stickers are being affixed to moorings along with 'notices' on unpermitted moorings. Several unpermitted moorings have already been removed which has generated some frantic telephone calls as you might imagine. OGM have been a great help in this process. We have several identified moorings that I would like to remove but do not have funds or resources to do so.

  I have had several deep conversations with mooring permit holders regarding the lack and cost of approved inspection services in the harbor. We have managed to accommodate their needs with local services that I have 'approved' on a case-by case basis.

  Payment by check has, this year, caused extensive additional effort to try and locate and identify particular payments. I would ask the Commission to consider the following for the 2016 season;

  a. Charge an additional small fee ($10) for payment by any method other than on-line, or
  b. $5 discount for on-line payment, and/or
  c. Allow payment by check at no additional fee for entities paying for 3+ moorings at once at no additional fee. This would facilitate the clubs and individuals who administer multiple moorings.

- On May 28th along with Chairman Ortelli, I attended a meeting of the Health and Safety Committee of the BOR concerning pollution and debris in the harbor. There was a strong and detailed exchange of information and the circulated photographs (which you have already seen) seemed to surprise some members. They tabled and passed a motion in support of our efforts to obtain funding for harbor cleanup although I do not know how or if that will develop into anything substantive. I am due to attend their next meeting on June 17th (tomorrow) evening. Frank Fedeli has been working hard behind the scenes regarding possible equipment utilization, operating costs and schedules and various other matters.

  Two unsolicited press reports that resulted from the online meeting reports/videos have generated a great deal comment from the public, all enthused at the city considering ways in which to clean up the harbor. Any responses I have given have been to the effect that this is one option that the city is exploring. A couple of local families, neither active boaters, were under the impression we were fund raising for the project and were willing to donate.

  I apologize if this sounds a little blunt, but there may be some that think this issue is of little consequence, but remember the fish docks inside the Hurricane barrier? I had most of the fishing gear removed in preparation for the city's (operations) promise of prompt removal. That was last September and the docks are still in situ, breaking apart and drifting about the east branch. Likewise in the west branch, repeated attempts to get the city to remove a large section of oil boom and derelict docks washed up just south of the TGM marina has gone ignored for a similar length of time. If we give the city an option to delay or ignore trying to solve the issue, we become part of the problem.

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 06/16/2015

- We are starting to get an increasing number of complaints regarding boats speeding, overloaded, without safety equipment and otherwise misbehaving in the harbor. The SHM/DSHM and Marine Police are paying as much attention as possible, in the present absence of speed markers. (As a point of interest, the proposed pollution clean-up equipment is also suitable for such tasks as deploying these buoys). As an aside, some of the rock markers appear not to have been deployed so far.

- DHM now has shirts, hat and business cards which he can proudly use when performing his functions, such as;

  - On 6/5/2015, following a telephone request from CG Sector LIS, DSHM who was afloat in SHM-1 searched for a dinghy reportedly empty and adrift on the border of Stamford and Greenwich. The Greenwich HM eventually located the dinghy aground on rocks in Captain's Harbor and arranged for it return to the owner.

- I have had a couple of telephone complaints regarding the recent 'eyesore' outside of the breakwater. Apparently, the sight of Mark Cuban's motor yacht at anchor is an unwelcome sight for some residents of Greenwich and Stamford water front. My offer to bring him inside the breakwater on the staging buoy and put the scrap barges out there also did not meet their approval.

- It has been bought to my attention by my more cultured Deputy (compared to my fishing/work boat heritage) that the Commission/Harbor Master's boat needs work and equipment, such as life jackets so the crew (us) do not have to provide their own, repairing flood lighting and winter enclosure, dock lines (presently using old ones from my own boat) emergency tow lines and hull cleaning to mention a few. He has been told that there are funds that should be available for such work.

  Although Frank Fedeli and Ted Jankowski have worked wonders regarding the expense process and I recently received a check for 238.97 (my thanks to them both) my expenses still outstanding presently total $499.05.

  To add (insult) to the matter, I have now been informed that the city does not pay sales tax on fuel so I will not be reimbursed the full amount I have already paid out! It was suggested that the city might supply the forms for me to claim the tax back from the supplier. I asked for these form, and for the next fuelling of the boat which was to be in the next couple of weeks. That was 10-days ago and I have heard nothing (I fuelled the boat anyway).

  The simple answer to my Deputy's enquiry regarding maintenance and equipment is that *I* cannot afford additional equipment or maintenance above that required to keep the boat running at a basic level unless a more effective reimbursement process is implemented.

Respectfully submitted

Captain Eric Knott	Harbor Master
Captain Yale Greenman	Deputy Harbor Master

Stamford Harbor Management Commission - Applications Review Committee Minutes Draft

Date: May 4, 2015
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Stamford Government Center
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901
Operations New Conference Room 10th Floor

Roll Call: In Attendance were: Committee Chairman Griffith Trow; Committee members Commissioners Robert Karp, Mike Pensiero, and Damian Ortelli; SHMC Consultant Geoff Steadman; and OSS Maria Vazquez-Goncalves.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Trow at 6:01 p.m.

1. Review and Approval of April 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Karp moved to approve April 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Pensiero **Unanimously Approved**

2. Discussion on CT-DEEP OSLISP COP Application for 243 Dolphin Quay Cove. Background: This property was dealt with before regarding upland construction referral from the Zoning Board. This application concerns a boat ramp removal, and existing seawall and revetment repair and improvement.
The present owners purchased the home in 2013. These structures were constructed without a permit and predated the property owners. DEEP advises that the boat ramp is in violation. This application is to retain the 150 feet of seawall and 300 feet of revetment structures and remove the boat ramp made of the stone pavers. The application also calls for an increase of the height of the seawall by one foot. SHMC finds that the application is consistent with the HMP provided that the applicant employs all appropriate best management practices to avoid any significant adverse impacts on environmental quality, including water quality. A policy of the Harbor Management Plan (HMP) that unpermitted work predates the HMP is treated differently from work after the HMP. Although no penalties assessed in this instance, penalties assessed by DEEP for unauthorized work should be used for funds beneficial to projects in the Harbor Management Area. The Commission was not notified by DEEP of this violation and in the future we continue to request that all notices of violations be provided to the Harbor Commission. SHMC further finds that the application is consistent with the HMP provided; a) The applicant demonstrates to satisfaction of DEEP that the requested increase in the structures height will have no significant adverse impacts on other properties. b) The applicant is required to employ all best management practices to avoid any significant adverse impact on environment, including water quality in the Stamford Harbor. c) Applicant obtains all necessary local permits to construct the project.
Committee authorized Consultant Steadman to draft a recommendation as per above.

3. Discussion on Committee protocols, procedures and application forms. Consultant Steadman discussed description overview and flow chart.

4. Confirmed the next scheduled meeting on June 1, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.
Seconded by Karp **Unanimously Approved**

Respectfully Submitted by
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
May 5, 2015

STAMFORD HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 15, 2015

10TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

IN ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT STRADA

JEFFERY SAUNDERS

STAFF

GEOFF STEADMAN

SGT. BOB MONCK

MARIA VAZQUEZ-GONCALVES

GUEST

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Chairman Strada began the meeting at 6:3D p.m.

1. Mr. Tyler Theder, Regulatory Compliance Officer, City of Stamford, Storm Water Management Department discussed Storm Water Pollution. Mr. Theder explained in detail what the Department does, how they clean the catch basins, their preventative work and pollutants. Also discussed the MS4 Permit, Stormwater Management Plan, educating the public, mapping, watersheds, discharge areas, and collection of data.
2. Commissioners discussed the locations of the cameras on the Stamford Harbor. No word on permission from the Army Corp to place the camera and the grant runs out in September 2015. Discussion of other areas to put the cameras, K Park, Westcott, Czesik, and possibly Ponus to inquire about putting the cameras in those locations and discussion on the cost. This needs to be discussed with the full commission.
3. Commissioners discussed the letter to Mayor's Office regarding the Stamford Marina Police Unit's current location; Sgt. Monck commented he has a meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Public Safety Committee of BOR, to discuss the Marina Police Unit location, also on the agenda is a City work boat.
4. Other Business that came before the committee:
   - Discussed email from Frank Fedeli re: The Cleaner Boat
   - Briefly discussed some type of fence to catch heavy stuff down the river
5. The regular scheduled meeting on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. has been rescheduled to **Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:30** p.m.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
June 16, 2015