

Stamford Harbor Management Commission - Applications Review Committee Minutes Draft

Date: March 8, 2016
Time: 5:30 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, Paul Adelberg, Mike Pensiero and Commission Chairman Damian Ortelli; Commissioners Vice Chairman Ray Redniss; Commissioner Steve Loeb; Harbor Master Eric Knott, Consultant Geoff Steadman, Staff Frank Fedeli and OSS Maria Vazquez-Goncalves.

1. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Trow at 5:30 p.m.
2. It was noted there was a mistake on the agenda, the minutes to approve were not February 16, 2016, they were January 4, 2016 Meeting Draft Minutes. Chairman Trow defer action on approving the minutes at a later time to review them.

**Karp moved to defer action on approving the January 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes at a later time.
Seconded by Ortelli**

Unanimously Approved

3. Discussion of OLISP Application 1535-55-04 by City of Stamford for Mill River Restoration and Linear Park. Chairman Trow gave a summary of the proposal to create a linear park just above the dam all the way to the sound. (Also, received today was a document dated March 3, 2016 from EPB with concerns with easements that were procured from property owners adjoining the Rippowam Mill River and those easements were needed by the City to have the walking paths and other structures along the water.) This Application is installing pathways along the river, a boardwalk, and fishing stations along the river. Consultant Steadman referred to a response a year ago for this park location, dated March 17, 2015, where the Commission found that the proposal was consistent provided the applicant employ all appropriate best management practices during construction to avoid any significant adverse impacts on environmental quality and water quality in the HM area, standard comment. Second, provided the Stamford Engineering Department determines that the proposed project will not cause any significant adverse stormwater impacts in the Mill River, including any increase sedimentation. Other comments and concerns about the potential down stream effects of the Mill River Restoration project on down stream conditions in the west branch of Stamford Harbor, included but not limited to the potential effect of increase sedimentation rate in the federal navigation channel. Also, Harbor Management Plan supports a well design facilities and amenities to increase public use and enjoyment of the Stamford Harbor Mgmt Area in the Mill River Park. Consultant Steadman commented that this application is a preliminary proposal and requesting a Consultation Form to be completed. The Commission's policy has been with respect to these preliminary submittals, it would not state if it is consistent or non-consistent with the HMP. The Commission would state it has no objection to move forward with an Application with DEEP, and reserves its right to review it in a final matter when it goes out to notice. Discussion of proposal and Consultation Form.

Karp made a motion to recommend to the Commission Consultant Steadman's comments and recommendations above on the preliminary proposal.

Seconded by Adelberg.

Unanimously Approved

Continuation of Agenda Item #2. Review of January 4, 2016 Meeting draft minutes.

Karp moved to approve the January 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes with amendments.

Seconded by Pensiero

Unanimously Approved

4. The next scheduled meeting is on Monday, April 4, 2016.

Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m.

Seconded by Karp

Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by

Maria Vazquez-Goncalves

March 10, 2016