



**CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

**Minutes of January 19, 2016**

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

Called to order at 6:31 p.m., Chairman Ortelli presiding.

**In Attendance:**

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

**Due to the absence of three Commissioners, Alternates Loeb and Pensiero have voting status.**

**1) Review and Approval of December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes.**

**Commissioner Pensiero moved to approve December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Saunders**

**Approved Unanimously**

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

- a) Reported that a DEEP Status Conference Meeting is scheduled for 1/26/2016 in Hartford regarding the Nussbaum fence matter. The Commission had found the fence to be inconsistent with the city's Harbor Plan. Consultant Steadman reported that DEEP denied his application to retain the fence and issued an order for its removal. DEEP is holding a Status Conference at Mr. Nussbaum's request. After some discussion the Commission decided to have the HMC apply for **Intervener Status** via the City's legal department.

**Commissioner Loeb made a motion to intervene in this DEEP Proceeding, calling upon upon the City Attorney to prepare the legal document for Intervener Status and represent the HMC in the matter.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Karp**

**Approved Unanimously**

- b) Reported that a declaratory ruling from DEEP is being sought by one of the parties in the mooring/oyster bed dispute bordering Stamford-Greenwich harbor waters. Additional information is included in the Harbor Master's monthly Commission report.
- c) Discussed Corporation Counsel Jim Minor's draft opinion regarding HMC's request that DEEP show cause in its final determination of the Davenport Landing Structures Dredge and Fill Application. In his letter to the Commission, Attorney Minor questioned HMC's legal standing, believing its Harbor Management Plan had not been reviewed or updated. Commissioner Loeb reported that at the SHMC-Plan Review Committee meeting on January 12, 2016, the Plan was again reviewed and deemed to be functioning and fully operational in all substantive aspects.

**Commissioner Loeb made a motion that the HM Plan is still a functioning, operational document and that the Commission continues to be guided by its policies.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Saunders**

**Approved Unanimously**



**6) New Business:** Consultant Steadman discussed dredging slated for Westcott Cove. Status of a ConnDOT grant for funding the project is somewhat in limbo because of the transfer of such responsibilities to the newly formed but not yet functioning state Port Authority.

**7) Public Participation:**

- a) Tom Young informed the Commission the Coast Guard has reversed its position on anchoring vessels inside the hurricane barrier in the East Branch during severe storm conditions. He advised that such notice should be removed from the HMC website.

**8) Next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Upon motion by Commissioner Karp and seconded by Commissioner Strada, Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted

Robert M. Karp

Secretary/Treasurer

January 20, 2016

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