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

Minutes of December 15, 2015

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A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at the Stamford Government Center – Training Room, 6th Floor.

Called to order at 6:32 p.m., Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

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

2) Chairman's Report: D. Ortelli. Communications – None.

3) Committee Reports:

Applications Review – G. Trow. Meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2015.

- a) Commissioner Trow summarized the annual operations report of the Temporary Boatyard given verbally by Harbor Point representative Ted Ferrarone at the Applications Committee meeting on 12/7/15. Mr. Ferrarone, who was present for tonight's Commission meeting, confirmed hours of service and fuel operation were the same as last year, and submitted documentation as requested. Discussion ensued over whether the operating times and fuel service hours were in compliance with the Zoning Board's authorization, specifically how late into the fall the boatyard is supposed to be open and pumping fuel. Mr. Trow read a 1/26/2015 letter from the Commission to Norman Cole, Land Use Bureau Chief, requesting clarification for which no response had yet been received.

Commissioner Trow made a motion to resend the letter expressing the Commission's concerns and requesting a response. Seconded by Commissioner Karp.

**In Favor: Adelberg, Karp, Strada, Trow, Loeb, Pensiero Opposed: None Recused: Redniss, Saunders
Motion carried.**

5) Old Business: Ray Redniss recused himself from this application.

- a) **Application 215-33, Proposed Text Change in MG Zone (South End) to allow demolished building materials to be crushed in an enclosed building for recycling purposes.** The Commission had previously found this text change inconsistent with the HMP but was willing to reconsider based on additional information. Richard Redniss, the applicant's land use consultant, stated no rock crushing would be permitted; that enclosing the activity indoors would contain noise and dust generated by the crusher. Questions surfaced regarding the text change potentially impacting shoreline areas. The application was referred to the Applications Committee for further review at its next meeting.

3) Committee Reports Continued:

Safety – R. Strada. No meeting was held. Mr. Pensiero updated the Commission on security cameras being installed in the harbor. One was installed at the moveable hurricane barrier in the east branch. A second camera is to be installed at Ponus Yacht Club end of next week. Additional camera locations are contemplated.

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 12/15/2015

- **Moorings.** Mooring renewal reminders will be going out soon.
 - The court case concerning the Ford North shell fish beds and the Sadik Khan mooring against the Stamford and Greenwich harbor masters has been dismissed but continues through the legal system. I have been working with all parties to try and help with an amicable solution, but this has not been helped by the intransigence of some of the personalities involved.
- **Mayor's Clean-up at Czescik.** Well attended, collected a large amount of garbage. City operations department provided and excellent support service to load and remove materials. Mayor in attendance for a short time.
 - The annual build-up of garbage in the East Branch has started collecting around structure along the harbor.
 - The fishing floats/docks inside the hurricane barrier that I requested be removed 15-months ago remain in place. Approximately 50% has now totally degraded and/or sunk making future recovery and removal more difficult and costly. If we have another winter where the East Branch freezes over, there is substantial risk of the docks being broken free and drifting, possibility damaging boats, structure or the hurricane barrier. An owner for the docks cannot be identified and I again request removal at the earliest time.
- **Dredging at Brewers East.** Dredging is ongoing at Brewers East Marina. The companies involved are Patriot Marine and Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC. (Both companies seem to be run by ex-Brits. so we speak the 'same language'). They have all the required permits for dredging but neglected to get one for a temporary barge mooring between the Nurse Buoy and the outer breakwater. I have been in contact with both companies along with CT-DEEP, USACE and established tug operators working in the harbor and had the buoy removed. The first stage of the work has finished but will be continued later this month and again in February 2016 when the temporary mooring will again be required. CT-DEEP and USACE have both agreed that only a permit from Stamford HM will be required, a position and conditions have been agreed with all parties and temporary permits will be granted when applied for.
- **Harbor activity.** Probably due to the mild weather, recreational activity around the harbor has increased slightly from a few weeks ago when city marinas closed and boats removed from the water. This past weekend, I actually saw a group of 3 stand-up paddle boards entering the harbor from the direction of Greenwich.
- **Harbor Commission Boat.** The boat has been run on 101 days (so far) during 2015. Use has varied from a quick 'flag-showing' trip to 17 hours underway for special events and included responding to emergencies and debris recovery. A full accounting of use, fuel and running costs will be submitted at the next meeting.
- **Total expenses outstanding (12/14/2015) are;**

fuel	\$ 106.35
Stamford 421 equipment/refit	<u>\$2416.50</u> (since 10/30/2015)
	<u>\$2522.85</u>

Respectfully submitted and with Holiday Wishes from

Captain Eric Knott
Captain Yale Greenman
'Lila'

State Harbor Master
Deputy State Harbor Master
Harbor Dog (*self appointed*)

