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CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Minutes of September 20, 2016

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A Scheduled Meeting was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Stamford Government Center – Training Room, 6th Floor.

Called to order at 6:30 p.m., Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

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

1) Review and Approval of August 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve August 16, 2016 Meeting Minutes.
Seconded by Commissioner Redniss Approved Unanimously

2) Chairman's Report: D. Ortelli

a) Announced the Mayor's Office scheduled a meeting on 9/22/16 at 11 a.m. (Mayor's Conference Room) by the Chair of the State's newly-formed CT Port Authority (CPA), Mr. Scott Bates. The meeting is to "discuss Stamford's port and the important role it plays in the State's economy."
b) Reported that the Land Use Bureau is holding a public meeting on a master redsign plan for Boccuzzi Park. Community input is sought. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 9/27/16, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., 6th Floor Conference Room, SGC.
c) Discussed the SoundKeeper, Inc. lawsuit. The Norwalk based not-for-profit has filed an appeal in Superior Court challenging the validity of the Zoning Board's recent approval of the Strand/BRC Group's (BLT) Application 215-03. Soundkeeper claims the ZB's action violates city zoning regulations, the Harbor Point General Development Plan, and the CT. Coastal Area Management Act. The ZB and Strand, both defendants in the lawsuit, are to answer the appeal Oct. 4, 2016.
d) Commented on the Harborfest celebration. Several members reported it to be a successful, family oriented event. Consensus was that it should become an annual happening and grow in stature.

3) Committee Reports:

Safety – R. Strada no meeting, no report. Commissioner Strada announced his resignation from the Harbor Management Commission in protest to the ZB's decision on the Davenport Landing/Boatyard matter. He will submit a formal resignation letter.

Applications Review – G. Trow presenting. Meeting held on 9/6/16.

- CT-DEEP OLISP COP, City of Stamford, Cummings Park Marina Maintenance Dredging. The committee finds the COP proposed dredging to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

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Redniss made a motion finding the COP consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1016 – Orlando and Dawn Fernandes, 107 Davenport Drive, Proposing new rear addition, a porch a deck and a storm retention system. Property is located in the CAM boundary.

Karp made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1017 – Manuel Restrepo, 125 Houston Terrace, Proposed addition and detached garage, also proposed drainage system. Property is located in the CAM boundary.

Karp made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Redniss **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1018 – Bertille Duflos, 190 Davenport Drive, Proposal to construct a deck, a patio and the installation of yard drains and storm water retention system. Also the re-grading of rear yard to restore historical contours and rectify fill violation. Property is located in the CAM boundary.

Karp made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1019 – Soundwaters Inc., 1281 Cove Road, Repair of historic shed located behind Holly Pond Mansion that was damaged from Hurricane Sandy. Shed is used for the storage of small boats and for educational purpose. Property is located in the CAM boundary.

Saunders made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1020 – Lawrence Fenster, 165 Dolphin Cove Quay, Proposing to rebuild deck. Property is located in the CAM boundary.

Adelberg made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Redniss **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1021 - Nicole Malcolm-Manyara, 322 Weed Avenue, Requesting location approval for an HVAC condenser unit. Property is located in the CAM boundary, however this issue is not addressed in the HMP.

Redniss made a motion stating the Commission send a written finding of "no comment".
Seconded by Commissioner Saunders **Approved Unanimously**

- CSPR 1022 – Pamela Hoiles, 141 Downs Avenue, Proposing to build an 8 x 6 block building as a platform for a 60kw generator. Building height will be 8.1' to FEMA elevation of 14.1. Property is in the CAM boundary.

. **Karp recused himself and abstain from voting.**
Redniss made a motion finding this project to be consistent with the HMP.
Seconded by Commissioner Saunders **Approved Unanimously**

Next scheduled ARC meeting changed from Monday, October 3, 2016 to Tuesday, October 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Financial Review – Ray Redniss. No meeting, no report. No meeting scheduled.

4) **Staff Reports:**
   a) **Financial – Frank Fedeli.** No report.
   b) **Harbor Master – E. Knott.** See attachment for HM's full report. Raised issue of submitted bills not getting paid. Knott commented that Mr. Fedeli needs to coordinate with the vendors to get them paid.

5) **Old Business:**
   a) Nomination and Election of SHMC Officers. (Tabled)
   b) Reminder about re-nominations to the HMC.
   c) Discussion on prospects for dredging Cover Marina. Design is moving along.

6) **New Business:** Discussion of operating hours at BLT's temporary fuel dock.

7) **Public Participation – None.**

8) **Next scheduled Commission meeting is Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.**

Upon motion by Commissioner Adelberg and seconded by Commissioner Trow, Commission voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Robert M. Karp
Secretary/Treasurer
September 21, 2016

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

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 09/20/2016

Moorings.

- Renewals are now more or less complete. Mooring status (*as of 8/16/2016*);
  - Approved - 74
  - Awaiting inspection - 04
  - Under review - 05
  - EXPIRED Renewal not received - 06
  - Held inactive for 2016 season - 06
  - Not being renewed - 11
  - Revoked - 01
- The Ford North shell fish lease mooring issue is again due before a Judge on October 18th.

Harbor Activity

- On August 22nd, a report from manager of the temporary boat yard that a boat had sunk alongside a dock at Harbor Point North. Owner was contacted and gave written authority (to manager temporary boat yard) to do whatever was needed for recovery and mitigation of pollution risk. A local commercial fishing vessel assisted with recovery and towed it to the temporary boat yard for removal from the water. The cause of the sinking is not known.
- Harbor Fest and the associated fireworks display went off well. Shoreside facilities were well attended and the cardboard canoe race was quite exciting. The organizers safety cover was supplemented by the visiting Coast Guard boat and the Harbor Commission boat.

  The evening fireworks event was covered, again, by the Harbor Commission boat and the Stamford Police Harbor Unit. Also in attendance were police vessels from Darien and Greenwich. Very few visiting boats attended and there were no issues.

  I personally hope that the event continues next year and advise that the lack of on the water incident this year should not result in reduce cover next year.
- Labor Day weekend was quiet on the water in large due to the forecast effects of tropical storm *Hermine* (which never actually materialized). The exception was the Vineyard Race which I understand was a great success.

- Over the past 10 days, a small boat was seen stranded on top of the outer breakwater. A brief search was conducted by the DHM and police harbor unit to ensure that nobody was in distress. An owner has not been traced and the boat was recovered to Czescik Marina on Sunday 18th where it will be dealt with by the city.
- Police harbor unit have identified that the 'speed marker buoys' outside of the main entrance to the harbor are in need of replacement. I can confirm their poor condition. I respectfully ask that a start be made to the replacement process so that new buoys are available for installation prior to the 2017 season.

Stamford Harbor Master's Report 09/20/2016

Meetings

- On 9/13/2016 I met with and presented to the local USCG-Aux regarding the harbor hurricane plan and other practical/operational matters. There was a good discussion session and a very positive response. Their personnel will clearly be a valuable resource during a real event.
- On 9/22/2016 I am due to attend a meeting (with others) with the Mayor and Mr. Scott Bates, Chairman of the CT Ports Authority regarding funding for ongoing and futur4e projects within the harbor.

Garbage and Debris

- No appreciable change from last month. It is still not good and the heavy rains of the past few days has resulted in an increase in visible debris in the northern branches of the harbor.
- The abandoned docks in the East Branch, just above the Hurricane barrier have now completely broken up and more than 50% sunk making recovery and removal both time consuming and costly. I note the lack of city response to my frequent requests for removal.

Expenses outstanding

- The promised West Marine account has still not been set up. As a result, we (the Commission/Harbor Master) has outstanding bills with no means of payment.
  - Likewise, the fuel account with Seaview House Marina (Vinnie's fuel dock) remains unpaid since June.
- I respectfully request a firm time-line for these accounts to be dealt with as it is getting embarrassing trying to run and maintain city equipment with no indication of if, when or how payment will be forthcoming.
- Harbor Master (personal) $ 0.00

Respectfully submitted

Captain Eric Knott	State Harbor Master
Captain Yale Greenman	State Deputy Harbor Master