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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 12/21/2021 via Zoom; called to order at 6:31 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

**In Attendance:**

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Michael Pensiero; Sam Abernethy; William Malloy, III; Russ Hollander, Alternate.

Staff: Frank Fedeli, COS; Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman, Consultant (7:40 p.m.); and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.

Absent: Commissioner Ray Redniss; Frank Baldassare, Marina Supervisor, COS; Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept. COS; Captain Eric Knott, Online Mooring; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor, COS.

**1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- **Commissioner Pensiero moved to approve November 16, 2021 with meeting minutes with changes.**
- **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

**2) Chairman's Report**

- Discussion on WPCA reported a 6-12 gallon raw sewage spill last week which leaked into the storm sewer and eventually on to the Long Island Sound. Leak was on Givens Avenue and due to "multiple defects."
- The "Nussbaum Fence" case is over. After many years of court battles the CT Supreme Court was unwilling to hear the case and thus the lower court's ruling of noncompliance stands.
- Recap on the Sound Beach Landing application; The Applicant has withdrawn the suite of application and no further action is needed by COS Land Use at this time.
- Discussion on SoundWaters hosting beach cleanup events: Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at West Beach; Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ Cummings Park; Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ Cove Island; Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ Boccuzzi Park; Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ Cummings Park. All cleanups are from 1-3 p.m. SoundWaters will supply the

gloves and buckets, they suggest attendees bring: sturdy shoes or boots and warm clothes that can get dirty or wet.

### **3) Committee Reports**

**Application Review Committee:** Commissioner Karp: Committee met on 12/06/21, next scheduled meeting is on 1/03/22.

- LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form -- HMC -- Eric Jensen, 236 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT.
  - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection to the pre-application plans being included in a permit application to DEEP, with the understanding that the HMC reserves its right to continue to review the proposal.**
  - **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**
- LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form – Shellfish Commission -- Eric Jensen, 236 Davenport Driver, Stamford, CT.
  - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection to the pre-application plans being included in a permit application to DEEP, with the understanding that the HMC, acting as the Shellfish Commission, reserves its right to continue to review the proposal.**
  - **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1122 – Eric and Marie Jensen, 236 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT.
  - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan provided the Engineering Bureau determines compliance with all City stormwater management requirement and all FEMA requirements for coastal construction and to also recommend support for a maintenance agreement as a condition of project approval to ensure continued maintenance of the proposed storm water management system by the owner.**
  - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of 1123 – The Woodway Country Club, Inc., 95 Hobson Street, Stamford, CT.
  - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection to the application**

**provided the Engineering Bureau determines compliance with all City stormwater management requirements and all FEMA requirements for coastal construction.**

- **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

**HMP & Financial Review Committee:** No report.

**Planning/Moorings Committee:** No report.

**Shellfish Committee:** No report.

**Marina Committee:** Commissioner Hollander:

- Commissioner Hollander discussed his meeting with Erin McKenna and Lou Casolo regarding the options of boat ramp/launch placement in the harbor.
- Discussion of construction about to take place at the Safe Harbor House, concerns regarding the larger slips.

**Safety Committee:** No report.

#### **4) Staff Reports**

**Financial Review:**

- Mr. Fedeli discussed the financial report.
- Mr. Fedeli explained the payment process of the Soundwater Harbor Fest check.
- Discussion on Soundwater invoices submitted for Testing Sites.

**Harbor Master Report:**

- Discussion on the boat ramp, grant money, and updating the harbor contact list.

**Marina Supervisor:** No report

#### **5) Old Business**

- No update on setting license fees for shellfish licenses.
- No update on Fees for harbor users.
- No update on HMC Analysis of the City of Stamford Municipal Marinas.
- Discussion on meeting with Mayor Simmons regarding our harbor wish list.
- Gathering of the Shellfish Commissions on Saturday 1/22/22 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. has been canceled until the spring.
- Discussion on payment process of SoundWaters Harborfest check. (Discussed under Financial Review)

#### **6) New Business**

- Discussion on nominations and elections of Officers and Committee Chairs.
- Committee chairman will remain the same.
  - **Commissioner Ortelli nominates Mike Pensiero to continue as Secretary.**
  - **Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**

- **Commissioner Ortelli nominates Ray Redniss to continue as Vice Chairman.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**
  
- **Commissioner Pensiero nominates Damian Ortelli to continue as Chairman.**
- **Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**
  
- Commissioner Ortelli discussed an email he received from Mr. Schaffer regarding the shellfish beds and extending the opening of Stamford Harbor prohibited and conditionally restricted areas through January 31, 2022. Commissioners agreed to extend the opening to January 31, 2022.

**7) Public Participation:**

- None

**8) Next Scheduled Meeting:** January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**9) Adjournment**

- **Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn.**
- **Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**