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MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH
COMMISSION

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 7/19/2022 via Zoom; called to order at 6:35 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman (6:50 p.m.); Commissioner Ray Redniss, Acting Chairman until Dr. Ortelli arrived; Commissioners; Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Michael Pensiero; Sam Abernethy; Russ Hollander, Alternate.
Staff: Frank Fedeli, COS; Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.
Absent: Commissioner William Malloy, III; Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept.; Captain Eric Knott, Online Mooring; Frank Baldassare, Marina COS; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor, COS.

1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve June 21, 2022 minutes.**
- **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

***Out of Order: Committee Reports:** HMP & Financial Review Committee

2) Chairman's Report

- a) Discussion on CT Port Authority SHIPP Grants Round 3: Applications for SHIPP funding were submitted by Land Use for dredging of Cove Inlet, and the restoration of the Cummings Harbor Facilities. SHMC submitted an application for the feasibility evaluation of potential boat ramp sites within Stamford Harbor. Special thanks to Consultant Steadman for his preparation of the application as well as letters of support for the two engineering and permitting applications.
Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to change Consultant Steadman's hourly rate to \$85/hour.
Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.
Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to raise the cap for consulting fees to \$25,000.

Commissioner Hollander seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

- b) Discussion on the Harbor Fest (date is 8/27/22 at 1 p.m.). Discussion on the Harbor Management Commission polo shirt for new members, 3 XL & 1 Large. **Commissioner Redniss moved to purchase polo shirts not to exceed \$300.**

Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.

Unanimously approved.

- c) Discussion on Porous Asphalt; during last meeting the HMC was made aware of a product specifically developed to be a replacement for asphalt which would provide a significant decrease in the impermeability. Rich Warren, O & G, provided the information which was passed on to Land Use.

****Out of Order: New Business:**

Chairman Ortelli stated this is the Coastal Site Plan Review of the Pedestrian Bridge that was previously reviewed (same scope of work) at the DEEP application a couple of months ago. DEEP issued the permit.

- Referral of CSPR 1153 – City of Stamford/Engineering Dept. 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT. Louis Casolo, COS, Engineering Department, was present to discuss and answer any of the Commissioner's questions.
 - **With the understanding that the proposed project has been designed to improve opportunities for safe and enjoyable public access to and along the Mill River and enhance public use and enjoyment of Mill River Park as encouraged and supported by the Harbor Management Plan, Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to find the application consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and encourage timely approval as necessary to achieve the planned construction timeline.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

3) Committee Reports

Application Review Committee: Commissioner Karp: Committee met on 7/05/22, next scheduled meeting is on 8/01/22.

- Referral of CSPR 1148 – Jonas V. Alsenas, 2 Top Gallant, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of no objection with the understanding that the project is not expected to affect the Harbor Management Area in any significant way.**
 - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- Referral of CSPR 1149 – Harris Firestone, 219 Dolphin Cove Quay, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the HMP with the comment that an existing dock constructed on the neighboring property as shown on the applicant’s plans, appears to encroach into the applicant’s extended littoral area.**
 - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form, HMC – RACE Coastal Engineering, Palmer Landing Condominiums, 123 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection to inclusion of the applicant’s pre-application plans in an application to DEEP.**
 - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form, Shellfish Commission – RACE Coastal Engineering, Palmer Landing Condominiums, 123 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation, when acting as the Shellfish Commission, a finding of no objection to inclusion of the applicant’s pre-application plans in an application to DEEP.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

Safety Committee: Commissioner Pensiero mentioned concerns of sinking vessels near the docks, speeding on the harbor and putting up signs.

- **Commissioner Pensiero moved that we as a commission pay for 5 signs (size TBD), plus installation, to be put at the following locations: north and south side of the Hurricane Barrier, and 2 day markers on the range, on the east branch, and the fishing pier on the west branch, stating “Slow No Wake” not to exceed \$5,000.00.**
- **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

4) Staff Reports

Financial Review:

- Mr. Fedeli presented his financial report.
- Discussion on RFP’s, shellfish beds and lease.

Harbor Master Report:

- Harbor Master Greenman discussed accidents that occurred on the harbor, as well as derelict boats.
- Harbor Master Greenman distributed the “No Wake Zone” signs last fall, but no one has put them up.

Marina Supervisor:

- Commissioner Ortelli gave a brief description

5) Old Business

- No update on the CHMC/Court Case.
- No update on the harbor user fees.
- Frank Fedeli updated the Commissioners on the Robert Strada Memorial bench.

6) New Business ** Discussed after the Chairman’s report.

7) Public Participation: None

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: August 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

9) Adjournment

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