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MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH
COMMISSION

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 1/17/2023 via Zoom; called to order at 6:39 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

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

1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Commissioner Karp moved to approve December 20, 2022 minutes.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

*Chairman Ortelli stated we will be going out of order: 4) Staff Reports: Harbor Master Report.

2) Chairman's Report

- a) Congratulations to Jevera and Bill Hennessey for the City of Stamford Citizen of the Year.
- b) City Board Members FOIA Training, 2/02/23, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. via ZOOM ID 81732699003.
- c) BOR Parks Department, Cove and Cummings Park Review, Thursday, 1/19/23 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM ID 84473785384.
- d) Discussion on the Annual Gathering of Shellfish Commissions, Saturday, January 21, 2023.

3) Committee Reports

Application Review Committee: Commissioner Karp: Committee met on 1/09/23, next scheduled meeting is 2/06/23.

- Referral of CSPR 1164 – Matthew and Meaghan Osowiecki, 39 Sea Beach Drive, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the proposed project, including an onsite infiltration system, will significantly improve storm water and water quality conditions**

on the affected property, and provided the applicants receive approval from FEMA for the requested amendment of the flood hazard boundary. In addition, the HMC recommends and presumes that no decision to amend the flood hazard boundary will be made until such time as it is determined by FEMA and the Zoning Board that the proposed addition of fill for the purpose of modifying the flood hazard boundary will not have any adverse impact on adjoining properties.

- **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPP 1165 – One Elmcroft Stamford LLC, 126 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Area with the understanding that the proposed project, by reducing the extent of impervious surfaces on the site, is expected to significantly improve storm water and water quality conditions on the affected property.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- CT DEEP – City of Stamford – Public Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve Structures, Dredging and Fill.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation to reiterate the HMC’s previous comments and transmit the November 14, 2022 memo from the Transportation Bureau Chief that the proposed project does not pose any advance transportation safety concerns for the City of Stamford.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

Safety Committee: No meeting.

Marina Committee: No meeting.

4) Staff Reports

Financial Review:

- Mr. Fedeli presented his financial report.

Harbor Master Report:

- Deputy Harbor Master Fumega reported that on 12/30/22 40” Sailboat sank at TGM Marina. Further discussion on procedures and protocols as to when this type of event occurs.
- Deputy Harbor Master Fumega reported on an oil spill on 1/12/23 in the water on the West Branch, it was taken care of by the Fire Department.
- Discussion on harbor activities; paddle board/kayak ramp, harbor master boat being hauled out for annual maintenance; request if we can do our report at the beginning of the meeting.

Marina Supervisor:

- Frank Baldassare reported on a boater asking about ADA compliant on the marinas; and discussion on the work currently being done on the marinas.

5) Old Business

- a) Update on the harbor user fees.
- b) Consultant Steadman discussed status update on CHMA/Court Case.
 - **Commissioner Karp made a motion to adopt a resolution in support of this legislative effort.**
 - **Commissioner Abernethy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- c) Frank Fedeli updated the Commissioners on the Robert Strada Memorial bench arrived.
- d) Discussion on the Stamford Lighthouse.
- e) Update on the 280 Harbor Drive.
- f) Update on the CSPR 913 memo from Director Blessing, December 11, 2022.

6) New Business: None

7) Public Participation: None

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9) Adjournment

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