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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 10/17/2023 via Zoom; called to order at 6:34 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners; Paul Adelberg; Sam Abernethy; Robert Karp; William Malloy, III; Mike Pensiero (7:05) and Russ Hollander, Alternate.

Staff: Yale Greenman (6:40 p.m.), Harbor Master; Frank Fumega, Deputy Harbor Master; Geoff Steadman, Consultant; and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.

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

a) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- **Commissioner Abernethy moved to approve September 19, 2023, minutes.**
- **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

b) Chairman's Report:

- a. Update on HMC/Shellfish Commission uncoupling. Still trying to locate Mayor Martin's Executive order creating one commission; consideration now being given to again separate the two Commissions.
- b. Update on proposed new CSPR referral guidelines. Chairman Ortelli mentioned Angela Carella news article. Land Use will continue to send all CSPR to the SHMC.
- c. Update on Stamford Lighthouse. A group met at the Stamford Yacht Club to discuss plans for the lighthouse. The Fundraiser website is now up for donations.
- d. Discussion on the Soundwaters Annual Meeting to be held on November 15, 2023, at the Cohen Soundwaters Harbor Center; anyone planning to attend please RSVP.

c) Committee Reports:

Applications: Commissioner Karp: Committee met on October 2, 2023. Next scheduled

meeting is November 6, 2023.

CT DEEP COP Application – 123 Saddle Rock LLC – 123 Saddle Rock Road:

Applicant proposed activities include retaining, maintaining, and repairing existing waterfront structures, including pre-1939 seawall and revetment, pre-1995 concrete steps and boat ramp, and seasonal/temporary marine railway.

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan which encourages and supports timely repair and maintenance of existing shore protection structures, with the understanding, based on information provided by the applicant, that the proposed work will be within the footprint of the existing waterfront structures and provided: 1) written permission is provided the neighboring property owner for the applicant's proposed temporary construction use of the neighboring property; 2) the applicant is required to employ Best Management Practices during construction to avoid adverse impacts on environmental quality in the Harbor Management Area, including BMPs for inspection, maintenance, and operation of construction equipment operating on the temporary construction road seaward of the CJL; and 3) the applicant's extended littoral property line is added to the application plan drawing.**
- **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

ZB Application #223-37 – City of Stamford – 888 Washington Blvd.:

Applicant is proposing text change. Proposed Text Changes to Section 10, Non-Conforming Uses: Currently, Section 10 does not clearly differentiate between non-conforming uses and non-complying buildings.

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection insofar as the proposed text change is not expected to affect the Harbor Management Area in any significant way.**
- **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

Discussion on the status of the CT State Pier and CT Port Authority.

d) Staff Reports

HMP Review & Financial Review:

- No meeting, no items to report.

Marina Committee:

- Commissioner Hollander stated that he distributed the final draft of the Harbor Survey to the Commissioners. The Office of Operations Dept. put the Harbor Survey on their letterhead and helped with the distribution which will be sent out sometime this week.
- Brief discussion on the Harbor Access Fees.

Safety:

- No meeting, no items to report.

Financial Supervisor:

- Chairman Ortelli stated that Mr. Baldassare reported no changes.

Marina Supervisor:

- Chairman Ortelli stated that Mr. Baldassare reported he continues to repair docks.

Harbor Master:

- 9/27/23 Coast Guard contacted HM regarding the need to service the navigation lights on the breakwater.
- Oil sheen reported on 10/07/23 and got a sample of it, a lot of the time it happens at the West Branch.
- There is no mention on the City's website that the West Beach launching ramp is closed.
- Harbor boat updates: flares need to be updated and canvas needs to be fixed.

e) Old Business:

- a. Harbor User Fees discussed under Committee.
- b. Consultant Steadman reported on the status of the plaque for the Strada Memorial Bench.
- c. Consultant Steadman reported on the Boat Ramp Feasibility study.
- d. Consultant Steadman reported on the CHMA / Bill 5614 to uphold and clarify harbor management authorities.
- e. Status report on the Cove Island Marina work.

f) New Business as may properly come before the Commission:

- a. Commissioner Hollander commented about Marine Traffic.

g) Public Participation:

There was no one in attendance who wished to speak.

h) Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

i) Adjournment.

- **Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

cc: Mayor Caroline Simmons; Director Matthew Quinones; Director Louis DeRubeis; Samuel Abernethy; Paul Adelberg; Frank Baldassarre; Russ Hollander; Robert Karp; William Malloy Jr.; Kevin Murray; Sergeant Kevin Fitzgibbon; Dr. Damian Ortelli; Michael Pensiero; Ray Redniss; Anthony Rubino; Tracy Donoghue-Board of Finance; Richard Warren; Board of Representatives-Post; Town Clerk-Post; Building Manager-Post; Harbor Master.