

Stamford Harbor Management Commission (SHMC) - Applications Review Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Date: October 7, 2024
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Remotely on Zoom
Roll Call: In Attendance: Chairman Sam Abernethy; Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Damian Ortelli; Consultant Geoff Steadman; and AAC Maria Vazquez-Goncalves.

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Abernethy at approximately 5:30 p.m.
2. Review and Approval of September 9, 2024, Draft Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve the September 9, 2024, draft meeting minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Ortelli During discussion Mr. Steadman noted an apparent misnumbering in the draft minutes of the Zoning Board's zoning text proposal reviewed at the meeting.

Commissioner Adelberg moved to amend the motion and moved to conditionally approve the September 9, 2024, draft meeting minutes pending correction of any misnumbering of the application reviewed.

Seconded by Commissioner Ortelli

Unanimously Approved

3. **Referral of EPB Permit Application #2024-18 – 22 Island Heights Drive – Lot A – Elizabeth and Matthew Hayes, Stamford, CT.** Applicants propose select tree removal, including removal of invasive species, and installation of restoration plantings in the conservation easement area on property along the east side of Island Heights Drive, nearby but not adjoining Holly Pond. Property is in the coastal management area. Elizabeth Hayes was present to describe the proposed project and address commissioners' questions, including questions concerning the origin and purpose of the conservation area.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to recommend to the SHMC a finding of no objection insofar as the project is not expected to impact the Harbor Management Area.

Seconded by Commissioner Karp

Unanimously Approved

4. Old Business:

- **State of CT DEEP – LWRD License Application Form D – COP, Application #202408075, RACE Coastal Engineering, Beach Access Stairs/Seawall Modification, Back Bay Cottage LLC, 247 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT.** No new updates from DEEP or applicant.
- Mr. Steadman reported on ongoing efforts to gain support for legislative amendments to clarify and uphold harbor management authority with such amendments to hopefully be reintroduced during the next state legislative session.

5. New Business:

- Commissioner Ortelli discussed Frank Baldassare email discussing the budget and capital money that was appropriated for the 2023 budget year in the amount of \$150,000.00 for a boat cleaner.

6. Next scheduled meeting Monday, November 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Ortelli adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg

Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
October 8, 2024

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