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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 5/18/2021 via Zoom; called to order at 6:30 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

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

1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve April 20, 2021 meeting minutes.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

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2) Chairman's Report

- Discussion on the Debris in the harbor on 4/28/21 a large wooden "monolith" made its way into the west branch. It has been removed. Discussion on a work boat/cleaner boat.
- Connecticut Shellfish Restoration Plan Working Group had planned field visits to intertidal oyster beds on Holly Pond on 5/18/21.
- BOR Health and Safety Committee is having a panel of guests on 5/19/21 at 7 p.m. via zoom (meeting id: 862 5657 2229). The topic is water quality testing at West Beach.
- Water Quality Testing Program is ready to get started. Bureau of Agriculture still had not received signed MOU which has been resent to them. Discussion of attending the training process and Paul Adelberg volunteered to attend.
- Discussion on Harbor Master procedure.

3) Committee Reports

Application Review Committee: Commissioner Karp: committee met on 5/03/21, next scheduled meeting is on 6/07/21.

- CT DEEP LWRD License Application No. 202104483 – Scott Berger, 4 Weed Circle, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Malloy Abstained.**
 - **Insofar as the proposed project supports recreational boating and appears consistent with other relevant policies of the HMP, Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the HMP.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1111 – Mario Diacri, 26 Island Heights Drive, Stamford, CT. Tabled to next meeting.
- Referral of CSPR 1112 – Haddon Kirk, 55 Verplank Avenue, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Malloy Abstained.**
 - **Commissioner Pensiero moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Planning Board referral: MP#441-Map Change; 40 Signal Road, Stamford, CT. Public Hearing is May 25, 2021. Tabled to next meeting.
- Referral of Application 221-01 – Sound Beach Landing LLC, 40 Signal Road, Stamford, CT – Text Change. Tabled to next meeting.
- Referral of Application 221-02 – Sound Beach Landing LLC, 40 Signal Road and o Thread Needle Lane, Stamford, CT – Map Change. Tabled to next meeting.

Planning/Moorings Committee: No report.

Shellfish Committee: No report.

HMP & Financial Review Committee: No report.

Marina Committee: Russ Hollander gave an update to the commission.

Safety Committee: Commissioner Pensiero: committee met on 5/04/21, next scheduled meeting is on 6/08/21.

- Discussion on safety issues: 2 piles still remaining in the inner part formally the marina; and updates on the speed markers.
- Discussion on the following items: fireworks will be postponed and Cove Island inlet.

4) **Staff Reports**

Financial Review: Frank Fedeli presented his Financial Report.

Harbor Master Report:

- Interim Harbor Master Yale Greenman commented on the previous discussion regarding the work boat/clean boat.
- Discussion on harbor activity and educating the public.
- Update on the mooring process.

Marina Supervisor: No report.

5) ***Old Business**

- No update on setting license fees for shellfish licenses. Tabled
- No update on Fees for harbor users. Tabled
- Update on the Harbor Master job search.
- Update on the US Army Corp of Engineers Harbor and Navigation Metrics Form.
- Update on the printing and distribution of the Safe Boating Pamphlet.
- *WPCA Raw Sewage Spill follow up with guests. Director Brink and Chairman Kelly were present to discuss the situation that occurred on 4/13/21 and the corrective measures taken. They also answered all the commissioner's questions.
- *Update on the West Beach Boat Ramp and repairs for jetty, Erin McKenna was present to discuss the following items: SHIP Grant from Port Authority, BOR, public hearing, BLT contributions, the permit process, the bid process and costs.
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to draft a formal communication letter to DEEP and BOR stating how important this project is and time sensitive. This would be the official recommendation of the Harbor Commission that this project is consistent with the HMP for the reasons stated and the policy of the plan for this area and for its maintenance and enhancements.**
 - **Seconded by Commissioner Karp**
 - **Unanimously Approved**

*This report was delivered out of order and after the review and approval of minutes.

6) **New Business**

- A brief discussion on the status of the Blue Plan.
- Consultant Steadman reported that based on information provided by DEEP the Nussbaum case regarding the unpermitted fence is proceeding in the Court of Appeals.

7) **Public Participation:** None

8) **Next Scheduled Meeting:** June 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

9) **Adjournment**

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