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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 7/20/2021 via Zoom; called to order at 6:45 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dr. Damian Ortelli, Chairman; Commissioners Paul Adelberg; Robert Karp; Michael Pensiero; Ray Redniss; William Malloy, III; Sam Abernethy (8:10 p.m.).
Staff: Yale Greenman, Harbor Master; Frank Baldassare, Marina Supervisor, COS; Frank Fedeli, COS; Geoff Steadman, Consultant (7:01 p.m.); and Maria Vazquez-Goncalves, Recorder.
Absent: Commissioner Russ Hollander, Alternate; Sgt. Kevin Fitzgibbons, Stamford Police Dept. COS; Captain Eric Knott, Online Mooring; Scott Denise, Assistant Marina Supervisor, COS.

1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve June 15, 2021 meeting minutes.**
- **Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

2) Chairman's Report

- Discussion on the Harbor Master: Congratulations to Captain Yale Greenman was appointed State Harbor Master on July 14, 2021.
- Discussion on WPCA Permit Exceedance: 7/13/21 1:22 p.m. 2,215 gallons of partially treated effluent was released when maintenance to the system caused the disinfection to fall below permitted levels.
- Discussion on WPCA Permit Exceedance: 7/16/21 6:58 a.m. 1,650 gallons of raw sewage was spilled when contractor hit a pipe with an excavator causing raw sewage to leak running into the storm drains and ultimately into the east branch of the harbor.
- The Harbor Fest returns on Saturday, August 28, 2021.

3) Committee Reports

Application Review Committee: Commissioner Karp: committee met on 7/12/21, next scheduled meeting is on 8/02/21.

- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form HMC – Strand/BRC Group, LLC, 100 Bateman Way, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Redniss recused himself.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection to the pre-application plans being included in a permit application to DEEP, with the understanding that the proposed plans will have no adverse effect on the hurricane barrier as determined by the Corps of Engineers and that the HMC reserves its right to continue to review the proposal. In addition, the HMC will transmit to DEEP the comments and questions discussed at the meeting.**
 - **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1117 – Dean A. Smith, 121 (aka) 123 Downs Avenue, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Karp and Pensiero recused themselves.**
 - **Commissioner Ortelli moved to accept the ARC recommendation of no objection.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**
- Referral of CSPR 1118 – Thomas Cingari, 115 Ocean Drive West, Stamford, CT.
 - **Commissioner Redniss recused himself.**
 - **Commissioner Adelberg moved to accept the ARC recommendation of consistency with the HMP with the understanding that the proposed project will improve stormwater conditions on the site and that in the process of changing the property's floodplain designation it has been determined by the approving agencies that such change will not adversely affect adjoining properties.**
 - **Commissioner Malloy seconded the motion.**
 - **Unanimously approved.**

Planning/Moorings Committee: No report.

Shellfish Committee: No report.

HMP & Financial Review Committee: No report.

Marina Committee: No report.

Safety Committee: Commissioner Pensiero: committee met on 7/20/21, next scheduled meeting is on 8/10/21.

- Discussion on the fatality that occurred on the harbor on July 10, 2021.
- Discussion on Safety Committee and Harbor Master Report to join together and report one after the other regarding all the safety concerns of the harbor.

4) Staff Reports

Harbor Master Report:

- Harbor Master Yale Greenman discussed issues regarding proper safety.
- Discussion on safety letter that he sent out to all those in the area about speed.
- Discussion on removal of the derelict boat at Czescik Marina.
- Discussion on an email that Harbor Master Yale received: the Santa Maria replica is stopping at harbor's to do tours and are requesting to dock in Stamford.

Financial Review:

- Mr. Fedeli discussed requesting emergency use funds to have for items such as derelict boat and debris removal in the harbor.
- Mr. Fedeli discussed the financial report.

Marina Supervisor:

- Frank Baldassare gave a brief discussion on what he is working on at City marina.

5) Old Business

- Update on setting license fees for shellfish licenses. Mr. Fedeli reported on his research concerning city authority to impose a reasonable tax on private shellfish beds not subject to state jurisdiction. He reported on information being provided by the Bureau of Aquaculture to assist the HMC in developing a proposal for this tax which would be used for harbor improvement purposes, including shellfish resource enhancement. Mr. Steadman is assisting Mr. Fedeli. The HMC expressed support for Mr. Fedeli's continued efforts in this regard, including his efforts to coordinate and obtain information from the city's tax department.
- No update on Fees for harbor users.
- Discussion on the Derelict Boat Report from June HMC Meeting.
- Update on the US Army Corp of Engineers Harbor and Navigation Metrics Form.
- Update on the distribution of the Safe Boating Pamphlet.

6) New Business

- HMC Analysis of the City of Stamford Municipal Marinas. Mr. Fedeli and Mr. Steadman reported on the anticipated availability of harbor improvement grant funds from the CT Port Authority, including funds that could be used for restoration of the Cummings Park Marina. The Port Authority has encouraged the HMC to apply for these funds.
- Commissioner Ortelli welcomed new Commissioner Sam Abernethy.

7) Public Participation: None

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: August 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

9) Adjournment

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

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