

Stamford Harbor Management Commission (HMC) - Applications Review Committee Minutes
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Date: September 13, 2021
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Remotely on Zoom
Roll Call: In Attendance: Committee Chairman Robert Karp; Commissioners Damian Ortelli, Paul Adelberg, and Samuel Abernethy; Consultant Geoff Steadman and AAC Maria Vazquez-Goncalves.

1. The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Karp at approximately 5:35 p.m.
2. Review and Approval of August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Adelberg moved to approve August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Ortelli Unanimously Approved

3. CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form HMC – RACE Coastal Engineering, Safe Harbor Marina, 43 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT. Applicant is proposing to reconfigure the docks and floats at an existing marina in the East Branch of Stamford Harbor. The reconfigured docks and floats would be extended to positions close by the federal navigation channel. Steve Sternberg, RACE Coastal Engineering, was present to explain the project and answer the commissioners' questions, including questions concerning the status of review of the applicant's proposal by the Corps of Engineers.

Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to recommend to the HMC a finding of in consistent with the policy of the Harbor Management Plan that calls for appropriate setbacks to be maintained between in-water structures and designated navigation channels, and that the HMC reserves its right to continue to review the proposal.

Seconded by Commissioner Ortelli Unanimously Approved

4. CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form Shellfish Commission – RACE Coastal Engineering, Safe Harbor Marina, 43 Harbor Drive, Stamford, CT. Steve Sternberg, RACE Coastal Engineering, was present to explain the project and answer the commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to recommend to the HMC a finding of no objection insofar as the proposal is not expected to affect shellfish resources or shell fishing opportunities.

Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg Unanimously Approved

5. Referral of CSPPR 1119 – Brendan Panda, 58 Rodgers Road, Stamford, CT. The applicant is proposing to construct an in-ground swimming pool, spa and a patio with a designed stormwater management system. Property is located within the CAM boundary. Anthony Strazza, representing the Applicant, was present to explain the project and answer the commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to recommend to the HMC a finding of consistency with the Harbor Management Plan with the understanding that the proposed project will improve stormwater conditions on the site. In addition, the HMC supports the proposed maintenance agreement put forth by the EPB to ensure continued maintenance of the proposed stormwater management system by the applicant.

Seconded by Commissioner Abernethy

Unanimously Approved

6. Revised Application 220-21 – City of Stamford Zoning Board, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT. Text Amendment, Designed Commercial District.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to recommend to the HMC a finding of no objection insofar as the proposed text amendment is not expected to affect the Harbor Management Area.

Seconded by Commissioner Adelberg

Unanimously Approved

7. Application 221-25 – City of Stamford Zoning Board, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT. Text Amendment, Transportation Center Design District. Discussion of potential impacts of increased residential density on South End stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure capacities.

Commissioner Ortelli made a motion to recommend to the HMC a finding of no objection and to reiterate the HMC's previous concerns, expressed during review of the Planning Board's South End Neighborhood Plan, regarding the capacity of South End stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure.

Seconded by Commissioner Abernethy

Unanimously Approved

8. Recycling Discarded Oyster Shells for a local Environmental Education Pilot Program - Ms. Tyeisha Cole gave a power point presentation to the commissioners.

9. Old Business:

- Update on the status of Application 221-01 – Sound Beach Landing LLC, 40 Signal Road, Stamford, CT – Text Change; and Application 221-02 – Sound Beach Landing LLC, 40 Signal Road and 0 Thread Needle Lane, Stamford, CT – Map Change. Brief discussion on DEEP's letter and applicant's response to DEEP. No further update.
- Consultant Steadman updated the commissioners on CHMA proposed amendment to CT Harbor Management Act and lobby effort.

- SHMC – Application Review Process for Connecticut DEEP Permits - Flow Charts - Work in progress. Consultant Steadman stated no updates.
- SHMC – Application Review Process for Coastal Site Plan Approvals - Flow Charts - Work in progress. Consultant Steadman stated no updates.

10. **New Business:** None

11. **Next scheduled meeting Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Abernethy

Unanimously Approved

Respectfully Submitted by
Maria Vazquez-Goncalves
September 14, 2021

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