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

Scheduled SHMC meeting on 8/17/2021 via Zoom; called to order at 6:40 PM-Chairman Ortelli presiding.

**In Attendance:**

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

**1) Review & Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- **Commissioner Abernethy Abstained.**
- **Commissioner Karp moved to approve July 20, 2021 meeting minutes.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

**2) Chairman's Report**

- Discussion on the Harbor Fest update and organizing for Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Update on Sound Beach Landing development proposal. The SHMC's application review and Planning Board public hearing will be pushed to fall 2021.
- Update on the Tall Ship Nao Santa Maria. A city visit by the replica was not possible this year, they are working to include them in the 2022 Harbor Fest.

**3) Committee Reports**

**Application Review Committee:** Commissioner Karp: committee met on 8/02/21, next scheduled meeting is on 9/13/21.

- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form HMC – Anya Kishinevsky, 80 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT.

- **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 this expression of “no objection” should not be construed as a precedent for the SHMC to support after-the-fact approval of previously completed but unauthorized work in other instances, and that the SHMC reserves its right to continue to review the proposal.**
  - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**
- CT DEEP LWRD License Application Pre-Submission Consultation Form Shellfish Commission – Anya Kishinevsky, 80 Davenport Drive, Stamford, CT.
  - **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 this expression of “no objection” should not be construed as a precedent for the SHMC to support after-the-fact approval of previously completed but unauthorized work in other instances, and that the SHMC reserves its right to continue to review the proposal.**
  - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**
- Consultant Steadman reported on a DEEP Public Notice seeking public comments on Gateway Harbor Point project in the West Branch. The SHMC looked at pre-application plans for this project in November 2019 concerning placement of a temporary level construction work pad and other work for the purpose of supporting the two Eversource transmission posts to enable the electric line to be undergrounded at the Gateway development site. At that time the SHMC had no objection to the proposed plans being included in an application to DEEP. The SHMC understands that the current Public Notice concerns reauthorization of the previous DEEP approval that has expired. Public comments are due September 7, 2021. It would be appropriate for the SHMC to provide a formal comment.
  - **Commissioner Adelberg made a motion of no objection with the understanding that the project that is now the subject of the Public Notice is essentially the same project previously reviewed by the SHMC with no objection.**
  - **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
  - **Unanimously approved.**

Consultant Steadman updated the Commission on status of Town of Greenwich Appeal of Superior Court decision affecting HMC authorities.

**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 8/10/21, next scheduled meeting is on 9/14/21.

- Reported on the event of Swim across the Sound.
- Reported on No wake signs for marinas to post and Operations will print them.
- Reported on a meeting with the Director Jankowski and Director McGrath regarding debris removal matrix started to present to city by object type, who would transport and who will pull and haul.
- Discussion on abandon mushroom anchors.
- Discussion on the Fire Boat to get electronic equipment.

#### **4) Staff Reports**

##### **Financial Review:**

- Mr. Fedeli discussed the financial report and issues regarding invoices.
- Discussion on proposed taxes on private shellfish beds consistent with state authorizing statutes. SHMC agreed to pursue tax revenue for purposes of enhancing shellfish resources and other beneficial harbor projects. Mr. Steadman will discuss with Bureau of Aquaculture.

##### **Harbor Master Report:**

- Harbor Master Yale Greenman discussed more large debris in the harbor.
- Discussion on the boats speeding during the weekend.
- Discussion on boat registration requirements.

##### **Marina Supervisor:**

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

#### **5) Old Business**

- No update on setting license fees for shellfish licenses.
- No update on Fees for harbor users.
- Discussion on the Derelict Boat has been removed.
- Update on the US Army Corp of Engineers Harbor and Navigation Metrics Form.
- Update on the distribution of the Safe Boating Pamphlet.
- HMC Analysis of the City of Stamford Municipal Marinas. Mr. Steadman reported on the availability of harbor improvement grant funds from the CT Port Authority, including funds that could be used for restoration of the Cummings Park Marina. SHMC will coordinate with Land-Use Bureau for pursuit of available grant funds, including discussions with Erin McKenna.

## 6) New Business

- Discussion on Harbor Fest donation.
- **Commissioner Adelberg made a motion to make a donation in the amount of what was done in the past.**
- **Commissioner Pensiero seconded the motion.**
- **Unanimously approved.**

## 7) Public Participation:

- Evan Vincent, keeper of Vincent Island in Westcott Cove, introduced himself. Mr. Vincent voiced his concerns regarding safety issues, trespassing, etc.

8) Next Scheduled Meeting: September 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

## 9) Adjournment

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