

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Jose Cebrian, Chair; John Romano, Tony Mobilia, Dennis Santella, Dr. John Pinto, Bill Gardella, Jan Schaefer

**OTHERS:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE**

Mr. Cebrian called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. A quorum was present. He requested Mr. Mobilia to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Cebrian announced that the next Harbor Commission meeting was scheduled for December 16th and will be immediately followed by the State of the Harbor meeting.

The Harbor Management Commission Christmas Party will be held on December 11th.

The annual grant request is due on the 10th. Mr. Cebrian reviewed the finances for the past year with the Commissioners.

**STAFF REPORT**

**a. Consultant** - No report

**b. Harbor Master Report** - No report

**REPORTS**

**a. Waterfront Advisory Report** - No report.

**b. Bridges Committee Report**

**Walk Bridge Status**

**I-95 Bridge Status**

Mr. Mobilia distributed copies of reports on both bridges. (See attached.) He then gave an overview of the meetings with the State Department of Transportation (DOT). The State

has informed the Commission that a formal request must be submitted to the DOT listing the Commission's concerns regarding the I-95 bridge project. The Mayor will write a cover letter for the document. Mr. Mobilia said that he had just been informed that DPW would also be submitting documentation.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE SUBMITTING THE MEMO DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2015 REGARDING THE I-95 BRIDGE TO THE STATE WITH A COVER LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.**

**\*\* DR. PINTO SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mobilia then reviewed the information regarding the Walk Railroad Bridge. Last month, the Commission had been requested to prepare a wish list for the State DOT meeting about the Railroad Bridge. The Commission has now been requested to send the documentation to the State with a cover letter from the Mayor. DPW will also be giving input on this.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE SUBMITTING THE MEMO DATED NOVEMBER 16, 2015 REGARDING THE WALK RAILROAD BRIDGE TO THE STATE WITH A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR.**

**\*\* MR. SANTELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Mobilia said that the Commission had been invited to attend a meeting about the Walk Bridge on November 19th.

Mr. Mobilia said that a letter about the bridge closings had gone out both by the Post Office and through email.

### **c. Application Review Committee**

Dr. Pinto said that there had been two additional applications submitted to the Application Review Committee at the last minute.

- 9 Seabreeze Place.

Dr. Pinto reviewed the details of the request for a dock and aluminum ramp. There were no major concerns with the application. Dr. Pinto then displayed site drawings. There will be float stops and new pilings installed.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO FORWARD THE PRE-APPLICATION FOR 9 SEABREEZE PLACE WITH COMMENTS CONCERNING THE STANDARD BEST MANAGEMENT CONSTRUCTION PRACTICES.**

**\*\* MS. SCHAEFER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- 32 Shorehave Road - CAM application.

Dr. Pinto said that this was a CAM application concerning a self contained, engineer designed retention system. As long as the erosion controls are implemented, there should be no impact on the Harbor.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR 32 SHOREHAVE ROAD AS PRESENTED WITH THE STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.**

**\*\* MR. GARDELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 7 & 9 Nylked Terrace.

Dr. Pinto reviewed the details of the project. The plan has to be submitted by December 8 to the State.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR 7 & 9 NYLKED TERRACE AS PRESENTED WITH THE STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.**

**\*\* MR. GARDELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- City of Norwalk, Department of Public Work, Sewer easement on Island Drive.

Mr. Romano explained that during Hurricane Sandy, a sewer pipe had broken loose from its bell insert, slid forward and now juts out into the Harbor. There is a sinkhole forming around the pipe. The City will reset the pipe and secure it.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION FOR THE ISLAND DRIVE SEWER EASEMENT AS PRESENTED WITH THE STANDARD NOMENCLATURE.**

**\*\* MR. SANTELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (ROMANO, SCHAEFER, MOBILIA, SANTELLA, AND PINTO) AND ONE ABSTAINED (GARDELLA).**

Mr. Mobilia displayed photos of a number of vessels that were resting on the bottom in Farm Creek during low tide. Discussion followed about how long the Commission had the "No vessel resting on the bottom", the DEEP guideline and the Harbor Management policy.

**d. Finance** - Dr. Pinto said that a letter had been received from the Bureau of Aquaculture about the Harbor mapping project. A request has been made that the Harbor Commission and the Shellfish Commission share the cost of the mapping, which was \$4,060. The Harbor Commission portion will be \$2,030. The Shellfish Commission has already paid their portion. A discussion followed about the details and who would have control of the information.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO DEVISE A WAY TO SHARE IN THE EXPENSE AND COST OF \$2,030. 00 FOR THE HARBOR MAPPING PROJECT.**

**\*\* MR. SANTELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Cebrian said that he had spoken to Mr. Iannaccone about the finances and having the funds put into the dredging account. Discussion followed.

All expenses should be turned into Mr. Cebrian or Mr. Aitoro as soon as possible.

**e. Mooring and Harbor Safety** - Mr. Santella said that letters had been sent out to the mooring holders who were deficient in various areas. There have been some responses from the mooring holders. Discussion followed about having the program adjusted to include a draft form.

Mr. Santella said that Mr. Wetmore had pulled out the three buoys and has determined that two of the three buoys were not usable. The two buoys that are the South Norwalk Boat Club can be used as two of the replacements once the proper markings are put on them.

**\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO SPEND UP \$2,500 TO PURCHASE TWO NEW BUOYS.**

**\*\* MR. GARDELLA SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A discussion followed regarding when the work would be done on the buoys and the billing for that work submitted.

**f. Plans and Recommendations** - No report.

**g. Water Quality** - No report.

**h. Newsletter/Website** - Ms. Schaefer said that the deadline was for the 24th. The newsletter will be ready for December 16th. A brief discussion followed about distribution.

**i. Shellfish Commission** - No report.

**j. Nomination Committee** - Dr. Pinto said that two names had been submitted, Henry Palau and Tony D'Andrea. Right now there has been no supporting documentation submitted on either candidate. Discussion followed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**October 28, 2015**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 4, under **Bridges Committee Report** –paragraph 1, please replace the following paragraph:

Mr. Mobilia discussed the development guidelines and rules on proposed permanent Walk Bridge openings. He noted that Marcy Balin with the with the DEEP has offered to assist with submitting an outline of the HMC issues on the WALK Bridge project for an internal DEEP meeting. The following is a draft outline:”

With: “Mr. Mobilia discussed the U.S. Coast Guard's development of guidelines and rules on proposed permanent Walk Bridge openings. He also noted that Marcy Balint with the DEEP has offered to assist with submitting an outline of the HMC issues on the WALK Bridge project for an internal DEEP meeting. The following is a draft outline:”

Page 7, under **Water Quality** – paragraph 1, line 1: please replace: “Ms. Schaefer reported” with “Mr. Steadman reported”

Page 7, under **Water Quality** – paragraph 1, line 3: please replace: “data and point system.” with “data and point source system.”

**\*\* DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 28, 2015 AS CORRECTED.**

**\*\* MS SCHAEFER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED WITH FIVE IN FAVOR (ROMANO, SCHAEFER, MOBILIA, GARDELLA, AND PINTO) AND ONE ABSTAINED (SANTELLA).**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Schaefer asked about the notifications for the State of Harbor meeting. Mr. Cebrian said that it will be noticed in the paper.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to consider at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. SANTELLA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. SCHAEFER SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes  
Telesco Secretarial Services.