

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AUGUST 22, 20018**

ATTENDANCE: Joseph Perella, Chair; John Romano; John Crespo; William Gardella; Anthony Mobilia;
John Pinto

ABSENT: Anthony Aitoro; Jan Schaefer; Dennis Santella

STAFF/OTHER: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Gregg Scully, Harbor Master; Steve Bartuch, Pete Johnson,
Shellfish Commission; Joe Schnierlein

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Mr. Perella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p. m and led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Perella called the roll. A quorum was present.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Perella stated that we will communicating our positions on various projects such as the Eversource line with the City Council and committees.

**** MR. ROMANO MOVED TO GO TO THE CITY COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS COMMISSIONS WITH PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING OUR POSITIONS ON PROJECTS GOING ON IN THE CITY.**

**** DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Scully reported that he made contact with multiple applicants regarding their status of their mooring, sent emails, and put notices on their vessels. The majority of them contacted him. He stated that they registered and paid for their moorings. The others will have their moorings removed.

Harbor Master Scully stated that he made arrangements with Norman Edwards to have the illegal or abandoned moorings at Copp's Bay removed. He stated that Mr. Edwards has removed six moorings as of today.

Harbor Master Scully stated that he was contacted by DEEP regarding an individual with an illegal mooring. He stated that once they saw the Police reports and per our conversation, the individual was contacted by DEEP and told that the Harbor Master has the final say.

Harbor Master Scully stated that plans are in place to remove all of the moorings in the Veterans' Park area field, and also the Harbor View area at the end of the season. The plan is to set new ones in place as applicants complete their requirements. The following season we will tackle the East Basin and Wilson Cove area.

b. Consultant

Mr. Steadman stated that when we review applications, we should include language that prevents the applicant from making changes to the plan after approval. He stated that the change in placement of a dock should have to come back to the commission for approval.

5. SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Mr. Bartuch presented the report as follows:

1. 4.66" of rain in July. Year average is 3.41"
 - a. Three closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5". July 17th, 22nd, and 25th.
 - b. Two closures in the CAA (1-1.49"). July 17th & 25th.
 - c. One closure in the CAAIDN (>1.5 "). July 25th.
 - d. No July Bypasses reported.
 - e. 2,642 July Advisory hotline [(203) 838-9807] calls.
 - i. Norwalk & Westport: Closed.
 - ii. Darien: Open, aside from seasonal closure at Ziegler's Cove.
 - iii. Closures due to Marvin Beach bypass.
2. Green's Ledge Lighthouse Dock Application
 - a. Leased shellfish beds issue unresolved.
 - b. Expressed concerns the structure would be underbuilt for local conditions.
3. Chairman Johnson led a discussion of the CTDOT Walk Bridge Program Transmission Line Relocation Information Session that was held on July 30, 2018 at 5:00 pm in Norwalk City Hall Room 231.
4. The Water Quality Committee selected by the Harbor Management Commission had Chairman Joe Schnierlein set the first meeting for Thursday, September 6th from 6 to 7 pm in the Health Department's second floor library, prior to the regular Shellfish Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm. Survey/questionnaire sent.
5. The Norwalk Hour published a misleading article regarding non-local Vibro and microalgal biotoxins.
 - a. We contacted DA/BA. Letter to the editor was written by DA/BA.
6. Presented joint NSC/NHMC letter to Eversource regarding 115kV line placement to City Council.
7. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2018 19:00; Health Department Second Floor Library.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Application Review

1. 26 Shorefront Park, CAM application.

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicants propose to construct a new, single family dwelling that complies with all of the height and bulk requirements of the B Residence zone. He stated that the finished first floor will be situated at 18.0' above the required 14.0' minimum flood elevation established by FEMA. No changes to the existing seawall, jetty, ramp or float are proposed. A storm water management system is proposed to control runoff from the site. Water runoff from the majority of the impervious surfaces will be conveyed to an underground detention system located in the northwest corner of the site. Dr. Pinto stated that other best management practices for storm water management has been proposed.

2. 41 Naromake Avenue, CAM application.

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant proposes to construct a new single family dwelling in the center of the property, with a gravel driveway. The dwelling will be served by municipal sanitary sewer and water. No alterations to the existing grades are proposed that will alter existing runoff patterns. Dr. Pinto stated that runoff from impervious surfaces will be handled by retention system consisting of Cultec chambers.

3. 2 Woodland Road, CAM application.

Dr. Pinto stated that the former dwelling was previously demolished, but a driveway remains. The applicant proposes to remove existing driveway, construct a new dwelling, driveway, terrace, landscaping, drainage, utilities, and other improvements. He stated that the proposed development will increase the amount of impervious cover of the site, from 4,260 to 8,120 square feet. A drainage system will be installed to both infiltrate the Groundwater Recharge Volume and treat the Water Quality Volume. He stated that peak flow attenuation will be achieved for the drainage area that discharges to Woodland Road, but is not applicable to the area that discharges to the Long Island Sound.

Dr. Pinto stated that the proposed drainage system will maintain existing drainage patterns while providing water quality treatment. The proposed sedimentation and erosion controls will maintain water quality during construction.

**** MR. GARDELLA MOVED TO APPROVE 26 SHOREFRONT PARK, CAM APPLICATION, 41 NAROMAKE AVENUE, CAM APPLICATION, AND 2 WOODLAND ROAD, CAM APPLICATION WITH COMMENTS.**

**** DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Eversource Transmission line relocation proposal. Discussion of new pre-application proposal by Eversource for relocating two 115 kV powerlines under Norwalk Harbor.

Dr. Pinto submitted three letters for the record. The first letter, dated April 9, 2018, was a statement of facts and events relevant to the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission's Review of the Eversource transmission line relocation proposal. The other two letters, dated June 11, 2018 and August 13, 2018, were sent to the Senior Environmental Specialist at DEEP. Both of the letters addressed the pre-application plans by Eversource Energy concerning proposed Norwalk Harbor transmission line relocation for the Walk Bridge Project.

b. Mooring and Harbor Safety

No report was given.

c. Finance

Mr. Perella stated that, according to Mr. Aitoro, the grant money that we receive from the City is in the process of being credited to the Harbor Management account.

d. Plans and Recommendations

Mr. Mobilia stated that there was a POCD meeting on the 30th. He stated that he sent a letter to Steve Kleppin registering our complaints that about the POCD not listening to us.

f. Newsletter / Web site

Mr. Perella stated that he is working on the newsletter with Ms. Schaefer.

g. Water Quality

Mr. Joe Schnierlein stated that he sent a survey to the new members of the Water Quality Committee in prior to the first meeting of the committee. He gave an overview of the types of equipment used in monitoring water quality. He stated that cost of the equipment is a significant expense but can result in the savings of millions of dollars for local businesses.

Mr. Schnierlein stated that the committee is small but he is hoping that we will be able to add more members. He asked the members of the commission to send him names of any individuals they think may be interesting in serving.

h. Bridges

Mr. Mobilia stated that the DOT had a meeting regarding the test pile program. They will be testing to see if there vibrations from the piling will harm the fish at the Aquarium. During the work, certain areas of the harbor will be closed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**** MR. MOBILIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 25, 2018 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

** DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. New Business / Old Business

Mr. Mobilia stated that the ceremony for Mr. Frank has to be scheduled.

9. ADJOURNMENT

** DR. PINTO MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services