

**Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
Plans & Recommendation Committee
Special Meeting**

P&Z Conference Room, Norwalk City Hall
Monday, June 22, 2017 -- 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Attendees: Bill Gardella, Tony Mobilia (ex officio), Jan Schaefer (Chair), Geoffrey Steadman (consultant)

Absent: John Romano

Meeting called to order at 5:09 p.m.

1. Discussion about stipend for the Deputy Harbor Master

There was discussion about the role of the Harbor Master and the Deputy Harbor Master. The Deputy will take a more active role with more responsibility than in the past. Part of the responsibility will likely be with management of the moorings and involvement with the Mooring Committee. The Deputy is expected to be able to perform all duties of the Harbor Master, if needed. The Plans and Recommendations Committee agreed that a stipend for the Harbor Master should be set at \$6,000 per year, payable on a monthly basis. This represents half the amount that goes to the Harbor Master. The recommendation for a stipend will go to the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission for a vote.

2. Discussion of possible Norwalk waterfront survey

There was discussion about the proposed survey, drafted by Geoffrey Steadman, focused on the Norwalk Harbor and use of the waterfront. The survey would be made available electronically to the public. Questions came up about the specific purpose and how the survey results would be used. Since the Norwalk Plan of Conservation and Development for Coastal Management is currently being drafted, it was determined that results from this survey could provide valuable feedback for input on the Master Plan. Results might help in developing priorities for future planning, as well as help efforts to seek funding for projects. The survey could be promoted through the city website, newspaper, Harbor Talk, and other means. The Committee decided to recommend to the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission that we proceed with the survey.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.