

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 25, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: John Pinto, Chairman; Tony Mobilia; Bill Gardella

STAFF: Geoff Steadman, Consultant

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pinto called the meeting to order at 6:36 p. m.

APPLICATIONS

1. Roton Point Association, 15 Pine Point Road; Norwalk, CT 06853 Roton Point Maintenance Dredging COP, The proposed regulated work is for maintenance dredging of an existing sailing basin (Basin A) and an access basin (Basin B). Previous dredging authorization was approved under DEEP Certificate No. SD-TD-90-125. The Applicant proposes to maintenance dredge approximately 900 CY of material from Basin A to elevation of -4.0' with a one foot over-dredge (- 5.0' MLW). Calculated dredge volume including over-dredge is ~2,000 CY. In addition, plans include dredge of Basin B (~1,900 CY) to elevation of -3.0' MLW with a one foot over-dredge (-4.0' MLW). Calculated dredge volume including over-dredge for Basin B is approximately 3,400 CY. Dredge volumes include side slope cuts taken at a 1V:6H slope. Dredging will involve a barge mounted crane with clamshell bucket or long- reach excavator mobilized to the site. A scow will be staged adjacent to the barge and will be filled with excavated material until capacity, at which point a pushboat will transport the scow to Western Long Island Sound Disposal Site (approved site).

Dr. Pinto gave a review of the proposed work. He stated that the Application Review Committee found that in regards to maintenance dredging, the application to be consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. The major concern will be the stationing of vessels. There will be a pushboat vessel and a dredger. He stated that the stationing of both vessels would be at the direction of the Harbor Master. He stated that we are concerned about the positioning of spudding in shellfish beds. Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant has contacted the surrounding neighbors and none have expressed opposition to the application.

2. 5 Gregory Court Tentative Notice to Approve for work in Norwalk Harbor proposed by Steve LoParco (Permit #201705100-SDFTW). The proposed activity includes (a) removal of a 5' x 21' pile supported timber pier, 30" x 23' aluminum ramp, 10' x 10' timber floating dock and two timber float anchor pilings and (b) construction of a new 4' x 65' pile supported timber pier, installation of a 3' x 36' aluminum ramp, and installation of an 8' x 20' timber floating dock and two timber float anchor pilings.

Dr. Pinto reviewed he proposed work. He stated that the committee had asked that the plan be prepared by a professional engineer or land surveyor. He stated that the application is now stamped by a professional engineer. He stated that after reviewing the positioning of the dock, we recognize that

maintaining a distance of 25 feet will not be feasible. This is due to the length of the applicant's shoreline. Dr. Pinto stated that the proposed new structures will be at least 35 feet removed from any existing dock structures on the adjacent property line. He stated that the plan has no mention of float stops on the dock. He stated that no float stops or vessels attached to the structure will be able to rest on the bottom during any normal tide cycle.

3. Maritime Aquarium and Seaport Association Vessel Relocation Study: Discussion of options and recommendations of DEEP's Vessel Relocation Proposal.

Dr. Pinto stated that three options were considered for the relocation of the vessels. The options involve the placements of the docks. There are three options for placement: perpendicular, parallel or diagonal to the shoreline. Option 1, which is parallel to the shoreline is the best option, but it has problems. Dr. Pinto stated that a backup plan, in case Option 1 does not work out, needs to be in place. He stated that the area has not been dredged before and there are concerns about adequate water. Mr. Steadman Underwater utilities in the area could also be a problem. Dr. Pinto stated that the work area subjects the public to an area that may not be safe. The Harbor Master must review the safety of the area. Dr. Pinto stated that if there is a reduction to public access, it is inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

4. Village Creek Harbor Corporation, maintenance dredging project submitted by Robert Everich, 31 Splitrock Road, Norwalk, Connecticut 06854. This is a proposed re-application following withdrawal of a previous application in 2016 to dredge 24,900 CY to depth of -6' MLW. The current proposed application discusses dredging of ~15,000 – 18,000 CY to depth of -6' – -8ft MLW. Volume to be determined by amount of acquired/available funds.

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant put in a previous dredging application in 2016. The scope of the work now being proposed has been minimized. Dr. Pinto stated that no application has been included in the submitted paperwork. No action can be taken on the item unless an application is submitted. Dr. Pinto stated that the item will have to be tabled.

5. 11 Tonetta Circle

**** DR. PINTO MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEE AND ADD 11 TONETTA CIRCLE TO THE AGENDA.**

**** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Pinto stated that the CAM Application stays within the same footprint. It meets FEMA requirements. It meets city requirements for stormwater maintenance. There are no changes to impervious surface area.

DECISION SESSION

**** DR. PINTO MOVED TO BRING ALL FIVE (5) ITEMS ON THE AGENDA BEFORE THE COMMISSION WITH THE COMMENTS PREVIOUSLY STATED.**

**** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services