

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 25, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Dennis Santella, Acting Chair; John Pinto; John Crespo; Bill Gardella; Jan Schaefer

ABSENT: Joseph Perella; John Romano; Tony Aitoro; Tony Mobilia

OTHERS: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steven Bartush, Pete Johnson, Shellfish Commission;
Sergeant Peter LaPak, Officer Mike Silva NPD

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Mr. Santella called the meeting to order at 7:36 p. m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report was given.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Harbor Master

No report was given.

b. Consultant

No report was given.

5. Shellfish Commission

Mr. Bartush presented his report as follows:

1. Formally expressed our opposition to the Third Taxing District for the Eversource-proposed positioning of twin 115kV electric transmission lines under Norwalk Harbor through the North side pilings of the Norwalk Visitors' Docks and the involvement parking area of the David S. Dunavan Boating Center.

2. 4.38 inches of rain in March. Average since 1987 is 4.20 inches of rain for March.
a. There were 213 hotline calls in March.

- b. Recreational shellfishing closed since April 16th.
- c. Two closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5 inch on March 2 & 7.
- d. Two closures in the CAA (1-1.49 inches) on March 2 & 7.
- e. Two closures in the CAAIDN (over 1.5 inches) on March 2 & 7.
- f. One report of a bypass on March 26th of 200 Gallons at 11 Hawkins Avenue lasting 1 hour.

3. Email Q&A with Christopher W. Samorajcyk, Office of Environmental Planning, Bureau of Policy & Planning, CT DOT

4. DOT to attend NSC meeting on 7 June at 18:00, location TBA.

5. Shellfish Commissioners made a site visit to 17 Bluff Avenue regarding a coastal application for a new private residential dock to ascertain if shellfish resources will be affected. The NSC's review of the 17 Bluff application is complete. The area has been determined to be an active natural bed including oysters, hard-shell clams, ribbed mussels and Spartina. As a compromise to allow the applicant the full ~92' pier/ramp/dock, we proposed the pier to be shortened from the 55' proposal to 40' with the ramp lengthened to meet the floating dock waterward to the ~92' maximum.

6. Our next meeting is Thursday, May 3rd at 6:00 p. m. in the Health Department Library.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Application Review

1 Gregory Court, CAM application submitted by Alex Hill and Nicolina Saporito

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant proposes to elevate the existing dwelling so that the finished first floor elevation will be 2' above the minimum 12' FEMA flood requirement. He stated that the proposed site development will slightly increase the property's impervious surface.

Dr. Pinto came stated that increased site runoff will be retained in an onsite retention system consisting of two Cultec retention chambers that are designed to maintain net peak runoff during a 25-yr storm event. Dr. Pinto recommend approval of the application.

- ** MR. GARDELLA MOVE TO APPROVE THE 1 GREGORY COURT, CAM APPLICATION WITH DR. PINTO'S COMMENTS.**
- ** DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. 55 Concord Street application submitted by Petro Home Services

Dr. Pinto stated that Petro Home Services proposes to demolish an existing one-story brick building and construct a new asphalt concrete parking area for fuel trucks and limited employee parking. He stated that the new parking facility will include two new catch basins to collect runoff. Collected runoff will be

conveyed through a piping system into a storm water quality chamber before entering the existing catch basin. The storm water will ultimately flow into the existing storm drainage system.

Dr. Pinto stated that based on a Hydro Cad modeling system, the calculated decrease in impervious surface will result in minimal decrease in runoff of a proposed 25-yr storm. He stated that a storm water maintenance program and catch basin cleaning plan are proposed for both the Parking Area and Storm Drainage System. Dr. Pinto stated that they will have contractors on retainer to respond to the location in case of an emergency.

Dr. Pinto stated that we will recommend approval of the application.

- ** **MR. GARDELLA MOVE TO APPROVE THE 55 CONCORD STREET APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY PETRO HOME SERVICES WITH DR. PINTO'S COMMENTS.**
- ** **DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **Status of the I-95 Yankee Doodle Bridge:** Discussion of status of plans to refurbish the I95 Yankee Doodle Bridge. New plans propose to mitigate storm water runoff from bridge deck and treatment of water prior to entry into Norwalk Harbor.

The item was not brought forward.

Other Item

Dr. Pinto stated that Christopher Samorajczyk responded to our questions concerning the temporary submarine signal and communications cable to cross the Norwalk Harbor upstream of the Walk Bridge. Dr. Pinto stated that our questions were responded to, but the answers were not clear.

b. Mooring and Harbor Safety

Mr. Santella stated that the Mooring Committee continues to monitor and address issues and concerns from applicants for the 2018 Season. He stated that 27 applications have been approved. 40 renewals are under review. 22 applications are under review. 25 renewals are incomplete.

Mr. Santella stated that as moorings are used during the season, they will be checked by the Harbor Master for a valid mooring permit.

Sgt. LaPak stated that we are going to set up a meeting with the rowing clubs so that we can review safety regulations. We plan on holding a meeting with the clubs at least once a year.

c. Finance

No items were brought forward.

d. Plans and Recommendations

Ms. Schaefer stated that we have been in contact with the POCD. We have sharing information with them and POCD materials include mentions of Norwalk as a coastal community. She stated that we have put together a draft of a Coastal Area Management Report to submit to the POCD. She requested that the Commissioners read though the document any let her know of any changes they would suggest.

Ms. Schaefer stated that in the latest edition of Norwalk Tomorrow, the POCD did mention Norwalk Harbor.

f. Newsletter / Web site

Ms. Schaefer stated that we hope to have the next edition of the newsletter out by the end of May.

g. Water Quality

Mr. Santella noted that Mayor Rilling has not moved forward with the Water Quality Committee.

h. Bridges

Mr. Steadman stated that we submitted a report to the CT DOT regarding the I-95 bridge runoff. He stated that the DOT has added retention ponds to the plan, but has not responded to our report.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 28, 2018

Page 1 Change "Tony Jerri" to "Jerri Tony"

- ** DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 28, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.
- ** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Pinto asked when the work on the Visitors' Dock will be complete. Discussion followed on the work being done on the dock.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- ** MS. SCHAEFER MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- ** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Respectfully submitted,

City of Norwalk
Harbor Management Commission
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Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services