

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MAY 23, 2018**

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

ABSENT: Joseph Perella; Tony Aitoro

OTHERS: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steven Bartush, Shellfish Commission; Sergeant Peter LaPak; Gregg Scully, Harbor Master; Bruce Lovallo, Deputy Harbor Master

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Mr. Romano called the meeting to order at 7:31 p. m. Mr. Mobilia led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report was given.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Scully stated that applications for the 2018 season are being reviewed. Moorings are being checked to see if there is a valid mooring permit. Deputy Harbor Master Lovallo stated that about \$900 in safety equipment is needed for the boat.

**** MR. MOBILIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT UP TO \$900.**

**** MR. SANTELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Consultant

Mr. Steadman stated that he and several members of the commission attended a Harbor Master Training course. He stated that the Harbor Master authority can be used toward safety issues. He stated that this authority extends to the placement of the two boats between the bridges. Mr. Steadman stated that if the documents and reports that the commission has put together were put on the City website, it would be helpful to the public.

5. SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Mr. Bartush submitted the Shellfish Commission report as follows:

1. TTD Commissioner Deb Goldstein spoke regarding her concerns that there appears to be no intent to appoint members to the Water Quality Committee.
2. We invited Sue Prosi, she introduced herself as the Norwalk Walk Bridge Manager and is a point of contact for the Walk Bridge Project. She explained her role, the scope of the project and how she will work with different stakeholders. There was lengthy discussion regarding the program to monitor water quality during the project. This included water testing, filtration, monitoring turbidity, dredging, dewatering, silt curtains, Saugatuck material and having activities performed only during incoming and slack tides. The future of the visitor's docks was also discussed.
3. There was 5.93" of rain in April. The 31 year average is 4.12"
 - a. Three closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5" on April 2, 16, and 20.
 - b. One closure in the CAA (1-1.49") on April 16.
 - c. One closure in the CAAIDN (>1.5") on April 16.
 - d. Two bypasses on April 16.
 - i. 5,000,000 Gallons, Treatment Plant, 9.5 Hours Storm Flow...all chlorinated.
 - ii. 14,000 Gallons, 56 Beacon St., 2.5 Hours Storm Flow
 - e. 207 April Advisory hotline {(203) 838-9807} calls.
 - i. Norwalk: Open. Closed at Betts Bay and Calf Pasture for clam relay.
 - ii. Westport: Open. Closed at Cockenoe Flats for clam relay.
 - iii. Darien: Open.
4. Next Meeting: Thursday, 7 June 2018 18:00; Health Department First Floor Auditorium

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Application Review

1. CT DOT will discuss the Test Pile Program slated for the summer of 2018. In addition, CT DOT will provide an overview of the water related activities needed prior to the actual WALK Bridge replacement: Discussion of Coastwise Marina piles that need to be pulled and a current status the WALK Bridge project.

Dr. Pinto stated that the DOT made a presentation of the Test Pile Program. The DOT is planning on beginning the work in the summer of 2018. He stated that it was not clear if they meant June or July. Vibration testing will be provided. The piles will be serving the base of the platforms that will hold up the cranes. Piles at the Neptune Gold Club will be removed.

2. 44 Shorehaven Road CAM Application submitted by Jonathan Farber

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant proposes to demolish the existing structure and other property structures. The applicant plans to re-construct a single family residence with attached garage and other site improvements within an AE12VE15 flood zone. The property is split between the City of Norwalk and the town of Westport. Dr. Pinto stated that storm water from the residence, pool house and driveway will be collected and piped to underground infiltrators in the southwestern corner of the site. Imperious surface area will be reduced by 406 sq. ft. Dr. Pinto stated that water runoff in the rear portion of the property will continue to sheet flow over lawn areas and into LIS.

Dr. Pinto stated that the project is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. He recommended approval of the application with comments.

- ** **DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE 44 SHOREHAVEN ROAD CAM APPLICATION WITH COMMENTS.**
- ** **MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Eversource Cable

Mr. Romano stated that we should follow up with Eversource underground cable that they plan on putting under the visitor's dock. Mr. Romano stated that we should send Eversource a letter outlining our concerns and ask for a clear response. We should state our strong objections to the proposed route.

Mr. Bartush stated that the Shellfish Commission would like to co-sign the letter. Mr. Romano stated that we should ask what other routes are being considered for the cable. He stated that the City Legal Department should be given a copy of the letter.

- ** **MR. SANTELLA MOVED TO SEND A JOINT LETTER WITH THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION ASKING FOR A RESPONSE TO OUR CONCERNS.**
- ** **DR. PINTO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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. 28 applications were approved. 40 renewals are under review. 22 applications are under review.

Mr. Santella stated that new mooring tags will be placed on the mooring balls for all approved mooring permits by the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master.

Mr. Santella stated that as moorings are used during the season the Harbor Master and Deputy Harbor Master will check for a valid mooring permit.

Sgt. LaPak stated that we continue to receive complaints from recreational and commercial vessels about the rowers. He stated that he would like to invite the rowing clubs to a rowing safety meeting.

c. Finance

No report was given.

d. Plans and Recommendations

Ms. Schaefer stated that we attended the POCD meeting and we have been consistently trying to provide information about Norwalk being a waterfront community. She stated that at the POCD meeting, the role of the Harbor Commission was incorrectly stated and we provided corrections.

f. Newsletter / Web site

Ms. Schaefer stated that in the next edition of the newsletter, we plan on including shorter articles than we usually include. Discussion followed on article ideas.

g Water Quality

Mr. Romano stated that the water quality report was included in the Shellfish Commission report.

h. Bridges

Mr. Mobilia stated that a Walk Bridge public information meeting will be held on June 5, 2018.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not brought forward.

8. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

No items were brought forward.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services