

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
JUNE 27, 20018**

ATTENDANCE: John Romano, Vice-Chair; Anthony Aitoro; John Crespo; William Gardella; Anthony Mobilia; John Pinto; Dennis Santella; Jan Schaefer

ABSENT: Joseph Perella

STAFF/OTHER: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Gregg Scully, Harbor Master; Steve Bartuch; Officer Mike Silva NPD

1. Call to Order/Pledge

Mr. Romano called the meeting to order at 7:35 p. m. Mr. Bartuch led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Romano called the Roll, and a quorum was present.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Romano stated that he spoke with Mr. Perella. They discussed the commission taking positions on projects, such as the Walk Bridge, that are underway.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Tom Devine stated that he would be happy to help facilitate communication between the commission and the DOT. He stated that it is important for the lines of communication to be open, and that the commission should not be bypassed.

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Scully stated that he has been checking approved moorings for valid insurance, registration, and current tackle inspections. He has been working with the Deputy Harbor Master on the number of boats on moorings matching approved applications. He stated that they are marking GPS points of moorings.

Harbor Master Scully stated that he is waiting for a price and model number of the drone that was previously discussed at a commission meeting. He stated that he relocated the speed

buoys. A number of them had drifted out of the channel and were in front of the sandbar by the memorial. Buoys are now located off of SNBC, at the day marker to the East Basin and at the end of the channel.

Harbor Master Scully stated that he signed off on the Boat Show application. Show dates are September 20 to the 23rd. He stated that Deputy Lovallo purchased some items for the boat as discussed, and installed the spreader lights. He stated that there have been a few infractions handed out for different issues. There has been regular patrols of the Harbor.

b. Consultant

Mr. Steadman stated that he would comment on various items throughout the evening.

5. SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Mr. Bartuch submitted his report as follows:

1. Representatives from the Department of Transportation spoke about a test pile program regarding construction activity for the temporary installation and removal of piles from former marina located southeast of the Walk Bridge. The benefits will be to monitor and assess noise data and vibration, determine construction requirements and establish guidelines, verify geotechnical calculations and assumptions and remove retired marina docks and piles. This will improve access for construction activities and alleviate safety concerns with current trespass. Work is permitted and will begin in the summer of 2018.

Also discussed was the CP-243 Submarine Cable Commitments. Excavation and backfill will take place during December and January and will only take place during slack and incoming tides and will be contained within turbidity curtains.

Shellfish Commissioners brought up several concerns including a program to monitor water quality during the project, testing, filtration, monitoring turbidity, dredging, dewatering, silt curtains, and the use of Danforth type anchors, activities performed only during incoming and slack tides and future of the Visitors' Dock.

2. Deb Goldstein spoke regarding concerns that there appears to be no intent to appoint members to the Water Quality Committee. Discussions took place regarding forming an ad hoc committee between the Shellfish Commission and Harbor Management Commission. Joe Schnierlein talked about different water sampling labs and techniques. Harbor Management will look at the laws.

3. Discussed Washington State shellfish opioid testing and methods. Tom Closter talked about a drug deactivation system called Deterra that can neutralize pills, liquids and patches for disposal.

4. Department of Energy of Energy and Environmental Protection Permit Consultation Form submitted by James Bajek on behalf of Dupre Cochran for a private recreational dock in the Five Mile River at 47 Rowayton Avenue. The overall length of the dock will be approximately 76 feet from the shoreline and the end of the float will be approximately 60 feet from the federal navigation channel. Application approval with standard language.

5. Joint letter and joint special meeting with Eversource proposed.

6. 3.19" of rain in May. 31 year average is 4.48"

a. Two closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5" on May 16th and 19th.

b. No closures in the CAA (1-1.49")

c. No closures in the CAAIDN (>1.5").

d. No bypasses reported.

e. 502 May Advisory hotline [(203) 838-9807] calls.

i. Norwalk, Westport, Darien: Open, aside from seasonal closures.

7. Next Meeting: Thursday, July 5, 2018 18:00; Health Department Second Floor Library.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Application Review

a1. 68 & 70 South Main Street CAM Application.

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicants propose to renovate the existing buildings and repurpose them for office, retail and residential spaces. The properties are located ¼ mile from the Norwalk River and are at the westernmost edge of the Coastal Area Management boundary. He stated that the sanitary sewer system has been designed and certified by a civil engineer. Stormwater runoff from Parcel #68 will realize a slight decrease and no change in runoff will occur from Parcel #70. He stated that no on-site stormwater system is proposed other than to re-connect the existing roof drain pipes and verify that existing drain pipes are free of debris.

a2. King Industry National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit.

Dr. Pinto stated that King Industries, Inc. proposes to discharge a maximum of 47,000 gallons per day of tank farm stormwater, cooling tower blowdown, steam condensate from boilers, fire sprinkler testing wastewaters and maintenance wastewaters to the Norwalk Harbor from operations at an organic chemical manufacturing facility. He stated that for each inch of rain received during a storm event, King Industries, Inc. collects approximately 160,000 gallons of

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stormwater prior to treatment and discharge to Norwalk Harbor. The Commissioner of DEEP gives notice of a tentative decision to renew a permit based on an application submitted by King Industries, Inc. under section 22a 430 of the Connecticut General Statutes for a permit to discharge into the waters of Norwalk Harbor. He stated that the proposed permit will require that all wastewater be treated to meet the applicable effluent limitations and periodic monitoring to demonstrate that the discharge will not cause pollution.

a3. 121-123 Water Street, South Norwalk. Special Permit Application and CAM.

Dr. Pinto stated that the application by TR South Water Street LLC is a modification of a previously approved application for Special Permit and Coastal Area Management. TR South Water Street LLC proposes modifications to this previously approved project to include an increase in the number of apartments from 80 to 129 units, a reduction in retail square footage (4,340 to 3,870), elimination of 1,590 sq. ft. office space and an increase in parking spaces from 120 to 170. He stated that the revised plans indicate placement of 4-Infiltration Systems, each sized to capture/treat a minimum of 50% of the water quality volume for each tributary area (roof area/parking facility). Cumulative removal efficiency (total suspended solids) is calculated for each drainage basin to be 80.9% and total nitrogen removal rate is 33.7%.

**** DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE A1. 68 & 70 SOUTH MAIN STREET CAM APPLICATION
A2. KING INDUSTRY NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
PERMIT. AND A3. 121-123 WATER STREET, SOUTH NORWALK. SPECIAL PERMIT
APPLICATION AND CAM.**

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

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

a4. 11 Goldstein Place; Test Pile Program and Marina Dock Removal Application.

Dr. Pinto stated that the CT DOT proposes to remove existing in-water piles and structures for future infrastructure improvements. A COP (201807462-COP) for this proposal has been issued on June 14th by CT DEEP without consideration and comment from the NHMC.

a5. Yankee Doodle Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

The CT DOT proposes to conduct rehabilitation repairs to the existing I95 Yankee Doodle Bridge over the Norwalk River. During reconstruction debris shields will be maintained and waste material will be collected and disposed of properly. Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant proposes to improve stormwater management practices by constructing riprap drainage swales and wetbasins sediment forebays located landward of the coastal jurisdiction line. Existing scuppers will be modified to a closed system that will discharge directly to newly constructed drainage swales and wet-basins. A COP (201807460-COP) for this proposal has been issued on June 8th by CT DEEP without consideration and comment from the NHMC.

- ** DR. PINTO MOVED TO MEET WITH THE DEEP TO DISCUSS TIMELY RECEIPTS OF THESE COP APPLICATIONS AND NOT DISRESPECT THE COMMISSIONS INPUT.
- ** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMUOSY.

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 have been approved. 65 applications and renewals are under review.

Mr. Santella stated that an email blast will be sent to each application under review, requesting that missing information and current documents, be attached to their applications, to comply with the Mooring Rules and Regulations, required for a valid mooring permit for the 2018 Season.

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.

Officer Silva stated that we continue to monitor the issues with the rowing clubs.

c. Finance

Mr. Aitoro stated that three unpaid Telesco invoices were paid today. He stated that we are all set with the grant. It is at \$9,134. We have a \$12,477.11 balance. Two bills were received today, and they will be paid tomorrow.

d. Plans and Recommendations

Ms. Schaefer stated that we have been to the POCD meetings and are remaining active. Mr. Mobilia stated that Mr. Steve Kleppin reached out to him about putting together a committee on the TOD Study. Mr. Kleppin would like to have a member of the Harbor Commission run the committee.

f. Newsletter / Web site

Ms. Schaefer stated that she is working with Mr. Perella on the layout of the newsletter.

g Water Quality

No report was given.

h. Bridges

No report was given.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 25, 2018

Page 4 Change “we have sharing” to “we have been sharing”

- ** MS. SCHAEFER MOVED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
- ** MR. ROMANO SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH SEVEN VOTES IN FAVOR AND ONE ABSTENTION (MR. MOBILIA).**

May 23, 2018

Page 2 Change “Neptune Gold Club” to “Neptune Boat Club”

- ** DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 2018 AS AMENDED.**
- ** MS. SCHAEFER SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Steadman stated that he would like the commission reports to be easily found on the City website. Discussion followed on the procedure for putting up documents and their location.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services

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