

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
JULY 25, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE:** Joseph Perella; John Romano; John Crespo; Anthony Mobilia; John Pinto; Dennis Santella; Jan Schaefer

**ABSENT:** Anthony Aitoro; William Gardella

**STAFF/OTHER:** Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Bruce Lovallo, Deputy Harbor Master; Steve Bartuch, Pete Johnson, Shellfish Commission; Sergeant Pete LaPak, NPD

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report was given.

**4. STAFF REPORTS:**

**a. Harbor Master**

Deputy Harbor Master Lovallo stated that three no wake buoys have been added to the harbor. He started that adding buoys will help to clearly mark the 5 MPH speed limit. He stated that we have ongoing issues with the rowers. We had an occurrence of rowers cutting in front of a tug boat. We will be meeting with rowers next week to cover safety issues.

**b. Consultant**

No report was given.

**5. SHELLFISH COMMISSION**

Mr. Bartuch gave the report as follows:

1. 5.93" of rain in June, 31 year average is 4.20"
  - a. Two closures for Cooke's Ground for over 0.5" on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. One closure in the CAA (1-1.49"), June 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. One closure in the CAAIDN (>1.5"), June 28<sup>th</sup>.

- d. Three bypasses reported.
    - i. 28<sup>th</sup> 12,500 gallons                      56 Beacon St    Overflow Capacity of Interceptor
    - ii. 28<sup>th</sup> Unknown                              10 North Water Street    Heavy Rain
    - iii. 28<sup>th</sup> 2.1 x 10<sup>6</sup> gallons                  Treatment Plant                  Heavy Rain
  - e. 988 June Advisory hotline {(203) 838-9807} calls.
    - i. Norwalk, Westport, Darien: Closed by DA/BA for high bacterial colony counts.
2. Enforcement Action: Unauthorized FMR Oyster Cages Removed
    - a. Perigee low tide identification June 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - b. Phone/text/email contact by FMR Harbor Superintendent
    - c. FMR Harbor Superintendent deadline.
    - d. Norwalk Shellfish Commission actions.
      - i. Formal complaints to Constables.
      - ii. DA/BA notification.
      - iii. Cage sample removal.
      - iv. Cage removal I & II.
  3. Green's Ledge Light Preservation Society: Floating Visitors' Dock Application.
    - a. Leased shellfish grounds.
    - b. Underbuilt as designed, exposed to SE fetch.
  4. John Frank Memorial press release completed, date TBD
  5. 17 Bluff Avenue pier/ramp/float approved by DEEP with larger ramp: pier ratio.
  6. Next Meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018 @ 18:00; Health Department Second Floor Library.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**a. Application Review**

**1. Greens Ledge Lighthouse Restoration; Greens Ledge Light Preservation Society, PO Box 43 Rowayton, CT 06853**

Dr. Pinto stated that the applicant proposes to repair an existing dock, restore riprap, fabricate and install a 10 x 50' seasonal floating dock with aluminum lifting gangway, aluminum grate deck, scab fenders, 1'-2' timber piles, and concrete landing with walkway.

Dr. Pinto stated that we do not have any objections to the application moving forward to a full application. We support the educational use of the lighthouse. He stated that they have a leased area which is a 75 foot radius around the lighthouse. He stated that the radius encroaches on the nearby shellfish beds. The issue of the encroachment will have to be resolved.

**\*\* DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE GREENS LEDGE LIGHTHOUSE RESTORATION; GREENS LEDGE LIGHT PRESERVATION SOCIETY WITH COMMENTS.**

\*\* MR. ROMANO SECONDED THE MOTION.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **2. Tentative notices 17 Bluff Avenue (2017) and 26 Cove Avenue Harbor View Condominium Association 2016-2017**

**17 Bluff** – Dr. Pinto stated that we will reiterate the comments that we made the first time we saw the application.

\*\* DR. PINTO MOVED TO APPROVE THE 17 BLUFF APPLICATIONS WITH THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED COMMENTS.  
\*\* MR. ROMANO SECONDED THE MOTION.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **26 Cove Avenue Harbor View Condominium Association 2016-2017**

Dr. Pinto stated that the application was received in 2015 with insufficient information. Additional information was requested and was provided. We do not have objections to the application.

\*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION IF ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE IN THE 2015 APPLICATION HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.  
\*\* 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. He stated that there were 33 approved applications. 73 applications are under review.

Mr. Santella stated that an email blast was sent to individuals with applications under review. We requested that missing information and current documents be attached to their applications to comply with the Mooring Rules and Regulations. There have been few responses to the email blast.

Mr. Santella stated that three additional no wake buoys have been installed in the harbor.

#### **c. Finance**

Mr. Mobilia stated that we should confirm with Mr. Aitoro how much money is in our account. Mr. Bartuch stated that the Shellfish Commission's 50% of the payment for the boat bill needs to be made.

#### **d. Plans and Recommendations**

Ms. Schaefer stated that the POCD issued draft of the table of contents for their document. She stated that we have given reports to the oversight committee and we continue our efforts to have the harbor emphasized by the POCD.

**f. Newsletter / Web site**

Ms. Schaefer stated that the newsletter has been prepared and is almost ready to be printed. She stated that the Commission webpage is up. She stated that we have put our reports on the website.

**g. Water Quality**

Mr. Perella stated that the report would be given under New Business.

**h. Bridges**

No report was given.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**June 27, 2018**

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- \*\* MR. MOBILIA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 27, 2018 MINUTES AS AMENDED.**
- \*\* MR. SANTELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**8. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Romano stated that the Harbor Commission is tasked with appointing all of the members of the Water Quality Committee. He stated that the Harbor Commission members of the Committee will be Mr. Crespo and himself.

- \*\* MR. ROMANO MOVED TO APPROVE THE PUTTING FORWARD OF THE MEMBERS OF THE WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE TO MAYOR RILLING.**
- \*\* MR. MOBILIA SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Perella stated that there are major projects such as the Walk Bridge, the Eversource cable, that are proceeding in the City. He stated that the Commission should take a position on each of the projects. Discussion followed on various projects.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* MR. SANTELLA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MR. ROMANO SECONDED THE MOTION.  
\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney  
Telesco Secretarial Services