

Norwalk Harbor Management Commission

Monthly Meeting Agenda

January 23rd, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

P & Z Conference Room – 2nd floor City Hall
125 East Ave, Norwalk CT 06856-5125

1. Call to Order/Pledge
2. Roll Call
3. Chairman's Report
4. Staff Reports:
 - a. Harbor Master - Scully
 - b. Consultant - Steadman
5. Shellfish Commission - Johnson
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Application Review- Pinto

1. 4 Meadow Street, CAM application. Highland Property Ventures, LLC (Applicant). The applicant proposes to re-purpose the facility previously occupied by Federal Express package distribution center. Planned construction involves addition of a 6,000 sq ft storage area (Southwest side of the existing structure) and a 2,400 sq ft storage area (northeast side of the existing structure). In addition, the applicant proposes to add a second floor to the existing structure (100,600 sq ft). Revisions to parking area will involve retrofitting catch basins with filter inserts for retaining oil and grit. As the building is within a flood plain and is non-residential, floodproofing is an acceptable method for compliance with National Flood Insurance Program standards.

2. Norwalk Seaport Association Inc., 213 Liberty Sq. E. Norwalk (Applicant). CAM Application: The applicant proposes to construct a 30'x50' open-air education pavilion on Sheffield Island. The pavilion will be located east of the

lighthouse keeper's cottage and will be constructed using a classical timber frame design. The floor will be stone pavers using a helical screw pile anchoring system for foundation piles. No additional excavation nor landscaping will be required. Design is expected to complement existing historic structures on the Island.

3. Eversource Transmission line relocation proposal. *Eversource will present their proposal at this meeting and discuss the transmission line relocation.* Eversource proposes to relocate ±4,000-foot of the two 115 kV transmission lines by converting the re-routed section from an overhead to an underground configuration, primarily through local streets. The transition would begin from the Norwalk Police Department, head east toward Water Street, traverse the Norwalk Harbor to Veteran's Memorial Park and reconnect east of Fort Point Street to reestablish connection to the existing rail corridor. Traversing Norwalk Harbor will entail using horizontal direct drill (**HDD**) technology to extend cables below the Norwalk River between the shorelines of 90 Water Street and Veteran's Memorial Park. The HDD crossing and proposed location under the North end of the Norwalk Visitor's Docks are the prime objectives of the LWRD permit and this consultation request.

4. Walk Bridge Project: *The DOT will be at this meeting to discuss the Bridge Project and review the newly transmitted permit plates.* A brief overview of the permit plates will be provided (~15 minutes). The DOT will also meet with the Norwalk Shellfish Commission on February 7th. The NHMC encourages interested stakeholders to attend this meeting for more extensive coverage of the newly submitted permit plates. The CTDOT packet that was sent to NOAA for consultation on the Walk Bridge Project was sent to us in 7 installments due to its size. Everyone should have a copy sent last month. The diagrams in that document are representations of the work that will be required to complete the WALK Bridge replacement. CTDOT needs to start discussing the project and wants to vet out early concerns. CTDOT wants to develop workable solutions to any problems we may have on the project that impact the Harbor. **Ten groups of Permit Plates have been distributed to the NHMC and NSC for review and consideration.**

b. Mooring and Harbor Safety - Santella

c. Finance -

d. Plans and Recommendations -

f. Newsletter / Web site -

g Water Quality – Schnierlein

h. Bridges – Mobilia

7. Approval of Minutes

8. New Business / Old Business

a. Vote to approve funds for drone (jointly funded by NHMC and Shellfish Commission)

9. Adjournment