

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Romano, Chairman; Bill Gardella, Dr. John T. Pinto, John Crespo, Jeff Mangels, Tony Mobilia

STAFF: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steve Bartush, Pete Johnson, Shellfish Commission, Officer Peter LaPak, Norwalk Police Department Marine Unit, Officer Greg Scully Harbor Master

OTHERS: Deborah Goldstein, Alan Kibbe

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Romano called the meeting to order and the attendees rose and recited the pledge.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was no Chairman's Report.

Mr. Romano assigned members to the various committees. Application Review will be headed by Dr. Pinto as Chairman Mr. Kibbe will be coming on once he is approved as a member. Mr. Mobilia will handle Finance. Mr. Santella will head Mooring and Harbor Safety along with Mr. Mangels (the Commission's newest member). Mr. Crespo will remain in the Water Quality Committee. Mr. Mangels will handle Plans and Recommendations and Mr. Santella will sit in on that committee. Dr. Pinto will remain Chairman of the Dredging Committee. Mr. Mobilia, Dr. Pinto and Mr. Romano will team up on the Bridge Committee. Mr. Mobilia will run the Newsletter and Mr. Perella will assist with Facebook.

STAFF REPORTS

a) Harbor Master - Scully

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Harbormaster Scully said he is working on checking moorings and getting mooring holders to pay the mooring fees. He said there are a number of mooring that are not being paid for and that we are working to get those moorings recorded and fees paid.

b) Consultant – Steadman

Mr. Steadman reported that Mr. Salvatore from the Connecticut Port Authority announced that another round of grants is projected for April. Mr. Salvatore asked if Norwalk has any projects in line. Mr. Steadman asked whether the commission has any projects that could be applied for a grant. Mr. LaPak suggested the Coast Guard Station. He said they are looking to raise the existing building, but has no idea of the cost. Mr. Steadman said they can call and see if improvements to the existing police space is potentially fundable.

1) Shellfish Commission – Johnson/Bartush

Mr. Johnson reported another month over average precipitation. All Shellfish beds are open in Norwalk, Westport and Darien. Mr. Johnson said the Commission met with the Corporation Counsel about standardizing residential dock geometry. He added we finally have our drone in the air. Mr. Johnson mentioned a letter from the Shellfish Commission to DEEP regarding the Eversource cable relocation that was covered in the Norwalk Hour.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Application Review – Pinto

1. Clarke Capital LLC CAM application – 64 South Main St/8, 10, 12 & 14 Elizabeth Street

This is a new mixed use development with 19,400 square feet of retail and 40 multifamily units in five buildings. The main concern for the Commission is basically water draining off the impervious parking area.

Stormwater runoff of the mixed-use building and parking area will be collected and conveyed through a stormwater quality chamber and detention system (Cultec System) prior to discharge into the Elizabeth St. storm drain. A second collection system at the rear of the parking area will be convey to a second detention system prior to discharge in a catch basin on Day St. Dr. Pinto said the calculations indicate rate of runoff will be reduced by 58 percent and overall volume of runoff

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down 10 percent. A maintenance plan includes twice annual sweeping and cleaning Cultec system.

He proposed a motion to: a) find the proposal consistent with the Norwalk Harbor Management Plan provided the Zoning Commission determines that all applicable city requirements for storm water management are met and that the project complies with all applicable FEMA and Flood Insurance requirements for coastal construction; and that the commission support the best management practices with regard to drainage too insure no adverse impacts to the harbor quality or water quality.

**** MR. ROMANO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION**

**** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED.**

2. Water Pollution Control Authority for the City of Norwalk: Horizontal directional drilling for repair of water main pipe.

Dr. Pinto reported that horizontal directional drilling (HDD) had been completed for the replacement of the force main under the Norwalk Harbor tidal flat between Marvin Beach Pump Station to the intersection of Hawkins Avenue and Fifth Street. He mentioned that work was already completed under DEEP Emergency Permit 201910801. He indicated that during the construction a frac-out had occurred with required work stoppage and remediation of approximately 50 gallons of drill material (Bentonite) during the process. Dr. Pinto concluded the only comment the NHMC has is to support maintenance construction and that the Water Pollution Control Authority needs to go forward with a full application.

3. Mooring and Harbor Safety

There was no report.

4. Finance

Mr. Mobilia reported on funds in the Harbor Management Account. The balance started out at \$25,509. He said the city funding of \$9,000 has not come in yet and that will come in July. The overall balance is \$24,065.75.

Mr. Mobilia stated that Mr. Steadman's time and effort fee for the year 2018 was \$18,900. He said additional expenses are \$1,018.25. Mr. Mobilia commented on

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important services that Mr. Steadman provides to the commission. Mr. Romano thanked Mr. Steadman for his passion.

**** MR. ROMANO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE MR. STEADMAN'S INVOICES.**

**** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED.**

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Newsletter/web site – TBT

6. Water Quality – Schnierlein/Crespo

Mr. Schnierlein submitted a report (copy attached).

7. Bridge Replacement – Mobilia

There was no report.

7.) Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2019

Changed the name of Commission member to read “Crespo”

**** DR. PINTO MADE A MOTIION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED MINUTES OF FERUARY 27, 2019**

**** MR. CRESPO SECONDED.**

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8.) New Business/Old Business

There was no new business or old business. Mr. Romano said he would like to see a younger person or a woman join the Commission. The Commission discussed rights of way and public access to the water.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. ROMANO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

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**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Venuto

Telesco Secretarial Services

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