

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: John Pinto; Tony Mobilia; Bill Gardella; John Romano

OTHERS: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steven Bartush, Shellfish Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pinto called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Dr. Pinto stated that an application has been received from 12 East Beach Drive.

**** MR. ROMANO MOVED TO ADD 12 EAST BEACH DRIVE TO THE AGENDA.
** MR. GARDELLA SECONDED THE MOTION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

1. 43 Yarmouth Road. #26-17 CAM. Daniel Hafner, 43 Yarmouth Rd, Norwalk. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing residence on the property and construct a new 2-story residential home. A garage will be constructed under the dwelling in order to raise the structure above the flood hazard zone. The existing home is adjacent to coastal resources and the new home will be moved further from the shoreline.

Mr. Bret Holzwarth came forward in favor of the item. He proposed demolishing the existing residence on the property and constructing a new 2-story residential home. He stated that a garage will be constructed under the dwelling in order to raise the structure above the flood hazard zone. The existing home is adjacent to coastal resources and the new home will be moved further from the shoreline.

Mr. Holzwarth stated that sewer line underneath the residence will be rerouted so it is not under the home. He stated that the area of impervious surfaces will be reduced and he is concerned with the impact of storm water runoff.

**** DR. PINTO MOVED TO FORWARD 43 YARMOUTH ROAD TO THE COMMISSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12 East Beach Drive

Dr. Pinto stated that the application was received two days ago. The applicant proposes to elevate an existing non-conforming dwelling in order to raise the structure above the 15 foot flood line. The first floor level will be a two car garage and have break away walls. He stated that the impervious area will be increased, and we would like them to address the impact the increase will have on storm water runoff.

**** MR. GARDELLA MOVED TO FORWARD 12 EAST BEACH DRIVE TO THE COMMISSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. 75 Roton Avenue, COP. Submitted by James J. Bajek on behalf of Allison Haupt, the Applicant; The applicant proposes to replace an existing dock and bulkhead. The rebuilt dock will be an in-kind replacement of the existing facility: that is, a 4'x7' timber landing, 2.5' x 14' ramp and 6'x24' float with float stops. The timber bulkhead (25' along northern property line and 50' with timber pilings along the waterward face of the property) will be replaced. Work will be performed by hand labor, using a work boat and a backhoe positioned on land.

Dr. Pinto stated that the existing facility predates 1995 when the Harbor Management Plan was put in place. He stated that the applicant must comply with the direction of the Harbor Master on the staging of any work vessels.

**** DR. PINTO MOVED TO FORWARD 75 ROTON AVENUE TO THE COMMISSION.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. 17 Bluff Avenue, Wilson's Cove; Application. The Applicant, Ms. Mary Jane Kennedy has submitted an application to construct a private residential dock in Wilson Cove. The dock will be a 5'x 55' fixed pier with an attached 3'x 34' ramp leading to a 7'x 14' float. The pier and dock will be supported by 12" diameter piles and the dock will be set off the bottom by a 2"x 10" x7' timber stringers for a float stop system. Construction will involve a barge/crane with pile-driver. Placement of barge will be at the direction of the harbormaster; Pier, ramp, float, and float-stop system construction will be performed using hand labor.

Dr. Pinto stated that this application was a pre-application that we did not see until now. He stated that it went before the Shellfish Commission. Dr. Pinto stated that conditions of approval are that it must be removed during winter months and no float or vessel should rest on the bottom. We have no objection to it moving forward with a full application.

2. Eversource Transmission Line Relocation Proposal. Revised plans-Presentation by Eversource of revised consideration for the relocated transmission lines for the WALK BRIDGE project. This is not a formal application.

Small print located in diagram

1. The exact location of the floating dock piles are to be determined when as-built information from the veteran's memorial park dock improvement project is available. The horizontal directional drill (HDD) route shall never be directly under the piles.
2. Contractor shall follow all provisions of permits.
3. All construction shall be in accordance with project specifications.
4. Underground facilities shown on the drawing are based on the best available information located during design. The underground utilities shown are approximate (see note 5).
5. The contractor shall be responsible for locating all existing underground facilities prior to construction. Contractor shall be responsible for any damage to surface or underground facilities whether shown or not shown on the drawing (see note 4).
6. Contractor shall be responsible for restoration of all ground surfaces disturbed during construction. Replacement landscaping shall be comparable to that removed. Replanting shall be finished within 30 days of completion of construction.
7. All pavement, curb, sidewalk, and gutter repair shall meet CT DOT requirements; roadway restoration shall be completed within 30 days of damage.
8. All work areas shall be kept clean and tidy and liter removed daily.

9. The contractor shall provide, install and maintain all necessary signs, lights, flares, barricades, markers cones and other protective facilities and shall take all necessary precautions for the protection, convenience and safety of the public.
10. See project specification for general concrete requirements.
11. See project specification for thermal concrete requirements to be used for all duct bank and casing encasement. Samples from local batch plant must be tested for thermal properties and strength.
12. All backfills above duct bank must be tested for thermal properties and compaction. See project specifications for backfill requirements.
13. Rebar within the manhole walls or duct banks shall not form a loop around any individual 8 inch duct.
14. Reference drawing CP-241 HDD XS pg 2 for a cross sectional view of the HDD and Veteran's Memorial Park dock pilings.
15. Soil boring report and log prepared b Clarence Welti Associates, Inc. Date JULY 3 2016.

Dr. Pinto stated that the cable lines will run under the harbor. He stated Eversource is proposing that the exact location of the floating dock piles are to be determined when as-built information from the Veteran's Memorial Park dock improvement project is available. Eversource proposes that the horizontal directional drill route shall never be directly under the piles.

Mr. Steadman stated that the plan shows the cables being 5 feet and 9 inches from the piles. Eversource had previously planned for the cables to be 10 feet away from the piles. Discussion followed on safety concerns caused by the placement of the cables. Dr. Pinto stated that it is not known by the commission members which City officials approved the new Eversource proposal.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tony D'Andrea came forward stated that he lives very close to the Eversource cable project. He stated that safety is the biggest concern with the cables. He stated the cables are conductors which will be five feet of the pilings. The pilings could be hit and shifted into the cables. He stated that he has made multiple inquiries in City Hall as to who gave Eversource permission to pursue this route. No one has been able to give him an answer as to who gave the approval. He stated that he has been to five City departments to ask about this project and no one has stated that they are in favor of this chosen route.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Pinto adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Blaney
Telesco Secretarial Services