

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Pinto, Chair; William Gardella; John Romano;
Dennis Santella (7:37 p.m.)

STAFF: Geoff Steadman, Consultant

OTHERS: Steve Bartuch; Pete Johnson, Shellfish Commission; Diane Lauricella,
Joe Schnierlein, Water Quality Committee; Deborah Goldstein;
Diane Cece

Dr. Pinto called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

WALK BRIDGE PROJECT: *THE DOT WILL BE AT THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE BRIDGE PROJECT AND REVIEW THE NEWLY TRANSMITTED PERMIT PLATES.*
SPECIFIC ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED: WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM AND REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES INVOLVING WETLAND MITIGATION AND DREDGING

DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT “PROPOSED COASTAL VISION” WHICH WAS PREPARED FOR CONSERVATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BENEFICIAL LAND USE IN THE NORWALK COASTAL AREA MANAGEMENT (CAM) AREA. IN ADDITION, WE WILL REVIEW AND DISCUSS THE COMMISSION’S (NHMC) COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NORWALK CITYWIDE PLAN 2019

Representatives from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) were present. Their Power Point presentation outlined recent updates to the WALK Bridge project. They have been having meetings, to be sure that everyone is aware of what is being proposed.

The representative presented the construction activity plates and discussed dredging. Dredging will take place in the main channel and will occur over multiple construction seasons. It was noted that the water main is closer to the IMAX Theater and all of the cables are very well marked.

The representative presented various slides outlining the containment at the bridge. It was noted that marine enclosures and turbidity curtains will be used for double protection. The site location map was broken down into six sites.

Mr. Steadman said that the materials going into the storm drains on South Water Street are not suitable for open water disposal. The material is known to be significantly contaminated. The DOT representative said that anything that will be touched will be sampled.

The representatives discussed water quality and said that they will develop a program with pre-construction monitoring and construction monitoring. During construction they will have an environmental inspector monitor the water quality. If an investigation reveals a turbidity spike, they will report that at the process meeting. Ms. Goldstein said that was a long time period before they trigger mitigation. The representative explained that the inspection is done in real time with on the spot monitoring. Dr. Pinto noted the numbers will vary based on the conditions. He said his concern is to protect the shellfish in the outer harbor. Mr. Schnierlein explained that the numbers will be different every year because life in the Sound changes from year to year and they have to be ready for that.

Three monitors will be in place with four parameters which will take samples every five minutes. In addition, they will monitor boat traffic.

The representatives discussed the sediment dewatering program and the marine vessel relocation program. After the dredging takes place, the sediment will have to be dewatered and solidified because it can't be liquified and drip on the roadway during transportations. Cement or sawdust will be used as an absorbent.

The representatives presented a slide show showing wetlands mitigation protective measures.

Dr. Pinto said he was happy with the remediation and mitigation plan.

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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