

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MAY, 22,2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Romano. Chair; William Gardella, Alan Kibbe, Christopher MacDonnell, Anthony Mobilia, John Crespo, Dr. John T. Pinto, Jeffrey Mangels.

OTHERS: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steven Bartush and Pete Johnson, Shellfish, Commission; Chet Muckenhirn; Joseph Schnierlein, Water Quality Committee; Bruce Lovallo, Deputy Harbor Master.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Mr. Romano called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m. and asked Mr. Pinto to lead the Assembly in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Romano called the Roll.

a. Introduce guests

None.

b. Public participation

None.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Report on Norm Bloom, city wide by water trip.

Mr. Romano reported that the boat tour in the Norm Bloom was a very good venue and very good day in the water. He noted that most of the commissioners were there and mentioned that everything was really good. He mentioned that members of the City administration and persons working for the DOT attended the event, among others. He said that it was all positive and they were able to exchange ideas, such as having user fees for the Harbor. He said the feedback was really good.

Mr. Romano said the will have a meeting, next Tuesday, June 4th , with Ms. King and Ms. Casey to discuss this subject.

4. STAFF REPORTS:

a. Harbor Master - Scully

There was no discussion on this topic.

b. Consultant - Steadman

Mr. Steadman commented on the meeting he had called training section for Harbor Masters , he said there was a tour at the Governor's office and that the Governor recognized the importance of the Connecticut Harbors Masters. ???

5. SHELLFISH COMMISSION - Johnson, Bartush

22 May 2019
Norwalk Shellfish Commission
137 East Avenue
Norwalk, CT 06851

Norwalk Shellfish Commission Report to Norwalk Harbor Management Commission:

1. 5.80" of rain in April. 32-year average is 4.17"
 - a. Four closures for Cooke's Ground (for over 0.5"). April 12, 15, 20, 26.
 - b. Two closures in the CAA (1-1.49"). April 20, 26.
 - c. One closure in the CAA1DN (>1.5"). April 26.
 - d. One bypass report on April 4, 2019 at Sheehan Avenue for roots blocking a sewer line with an estimated volume of 50 to 500 gallons.
 - e. 189 March Advisory hotline [(203) 838-9807] calls.
 - i. Commissions of Norwalk & Westport: Recreational shellfishing OPEN since May 20.
 - ii. Town of Darien: Recreational shellfishing OPEN.
2. Green's Ledge Lighthouse Dock Application.
 - a. Completed consultation. North-facing. Steel pilings. Off leased 482W shellfish bed. Vessels approach from East.
3. 26 Shorefront Park violations on DEEP NOV #LIS-2018-4009-V.
 - a. Waiting for new COP.
4. DABA Shellfish Mapping Atlas with extensive overlays.
5. Organization of Oyster & Marine Police Boat trips.
6. Norwalk Cove Marina
 - a. Completed consultation. No dredging applied for. Design seen was final "draft".
7. Manresa Island terminal discussion for barge relocation.
8. NSC supported by letter *A Proposal to Reduce Pollution Input to Norwalk Shellfish Beds* authored by Dick Harris, Environmental Scientist for Copsps Island Oysters. The specific local improvements recommended included: a camera truck for pipeline inspection, Marvin Beach sewer repairs, Bell Island sewer repairs, WWTP stormwater flow CCT technology.
9. Eversource cable relocation consultation completed.
10. Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2019 19:00; Health Department First Floor Auditorium.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. Application Review- Pinto

Dr. Pinto and commissioners reviewed the applications listed below:

Harbor Management Commission
May 22, 2019

1. **NHMC comments to Building Zone Map (upper harbor region) and proposed changes to amendments to the Building Zone Regulations.** As the proposed changes affect the Coastal Area Management boundary and affect property on, in, or contiguous to Norwalk Harbor, the proposed changes are subject to review by the NHMC.
2. **9-13 Leonard Street, Norwalk CT. CAM application.** Leonard Street Associates, LLC (application). The applicant proposes to construct a new, 28-unit, 5 story mixed use facility (residential and commercial spaces). New site construction will increase impervious surface as well as stormwater runoff and peak volume flow. Off-street parking on the first floor and under the structure are proposed along with a new drainage system that will include a subsurface detention/retention system to attenuate storm water runoff.
3. **4 Meadow Street CAM application. GWL 4 Meadow Street (Applicant).** The applicant proposes a change of tenant/use. The building will be used as an Indoor Contractor Parking Facility similar to that of the previous owner. No site work is proposed on this application.
4. **21 South Beach CAM application. C. Ryan Smith and Sarah Smith (Applicants)** propose to demolish the existing house and construct a new house, with walkways, and grass/paver driveway to a new off- street parking space in a garage under the house. Stormwater management on the property will involve redirecting roof top and driveway runoff to a 24" deep, pvc drainage system under the grass/paver driveway. An existing rip-rap revetment will be updated by restacking existing stone rip-rap on top of bedding stone wrapped in geotextile fabric.
5. **52 Shorefront Park. Franklin Tuck (Applicant). Pre-application:** The applicant proposes to construct a 4' by 94' piling-supported timber pier that includes a 7' by 14' pier head. Zodiac Bayrunner will be berthed on an elevator lift at the end of the dock at the end of the pierhead.
6. **Norwalk Cove Marina Inc., Dredging, Structure and Fill Application.** Norwalk Cove Marina proposes to extend and reconfigure an existing south dock to support additional boat slips for public rental. The extension will increase floating dock area from ~9,000 to ~16,000 sq. ft, add ~45 additional piles, and provide 14 additional boat slips. No excavation, filling, or bottom disturbance beyond removal and installation of timber piles are anticipated. The overall project will require use of tugboats, deck barges, barge mounted cranes, and small work boats.
7. **Walk Bridge Project.** The Connecticut DOT will present a review the Bridge mitigation projects that include review of Metro North Railroad Duct Bank installation, the Bulkhead around the MN&O staging yard, and removal of the derelict pier on the property. In addition, maritime and seaport vessel relocation was discussed.

b. **Mooring and Harbor Safety –**
Santella, Mooring fee's etc

c. Finance - Mobilia

Mr. Mobiles reviewed finances as of 05/20/2019.

d. Plans and Recommendations -

Mr. Romano provided a brief update.

f. Newsletter / Web site -

Nothing was discussed

g. Water Quality

**Mayor's Water Quality Committee Report
For meeting May 22, 2019**

We had follow-up comments on water restrictions and WQ standards. A request was made to determine what herbicides and pesticides the city used on athletic fields and in parks. The objective here is to determine if any of them could impact wells or streams or the Sound.

CT Blue Plan – several of the committee plan on attending one the many meetings in CT. I have not heard back from any of them. I will be going next week to the meeting in Westport. The fact that the “plan” starts off with the title “Blue Plan” indicates a lack of knowledge of the Sound. Also, there were concerns that the Nature Conservancy is managing this plan and they have not been active in conservation or measurements on the Sound up until the plan’s financing started.

Committee voted to request data from DOT water data they had received so far.. That was followed up said request, and DOT responded by saying the data has yet to come back from their contractor. I suggested a format that we used for the MYSOUND sonde as it is easy to read as well as determine patterns - just graphs.

SHARK! The cry has gone out that a “Ping” from a great white shark off the Greenwich coast has made it through digital as well as paper media. The group sponsoring this project is Osearch. Great timing with “Jaws” on TV and beaches opening this weekend. They had a “Ping” back in 2016 which proved to be a miscalculation of location. I’ve sent them an email requesting they check their data. There is not enough food here, the salinity is lower than they like, it is cooler water, and there should be no pheromones that they are chasing in Greenwich – that happens off of Montauk. As of 10:30 PM last night the NY Times reported that the same shark miraculously appeared on the south shore of Long Island the same day.

The John Romano cruise in the Harbor with Norm Bloom on a shellfish boat and then Pete LePak on a police with members of City Hall, and the CT DOT proved enlightening for all. On the way back, it was evident that clay was coming out of the CT DOT pipe at the intersection of Reed St., and Oystershell park. It appeared to come from the construction of the new mall. I asked Mike Wrinn as well as Alexis Cherichetti to investigate the legality of even tying in to the storm discharge pipe. DOT guys were on board and they were going to see if the hook up into their pipe was legal.

h. Bridges - Mobilia

There was no relevance information to be discussed at this time.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March minutes

**** MR. MOBILIA MOVED TO APROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 2019.**
**** DR. PINTO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

April minutes

**** MR. KIBBE MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2019.**
**** MR. PINTO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. NEW BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

There was no relevant updates.

9. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. KIBBE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** DR. PINTO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Venancio
Telesco Secretarial Services