

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: John Romano, Acting Chairman; William Gardella, Alan Kibbe
Anthony Mobilia; Christopher MacDonnell, John Crespo

OTHERS: Geoff Steadman, Consultant; Steven Bartush, Shellfish
Commission; Pete Johnson, Shellfish Commission
Kelly Kultys: The Norwalk Hour

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Mr. Romano, the Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. This was followed by those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

- **Introduction of Guests**
- **Public Participation** – There was no one who wished to comment at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Romano, stated that, there was not much to report at present, but he did however, offer some thoughts relating to the grant process, and the direction that is had proceeded, also stated that there is a good working relationship and with those involved, and he is hopeful that any kinks that are present will be straightened out.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. **Harbor Master- Scully:**
Mr. Romano, stated that he had not heard anything from Mr. Scully and was expecting him to be present at the meeting tonight. In his defense there are a lot of projects in progress at this time and also due to how the weather has been the scheduling seems to be impacted.
- b. **Consultant – Steadman:**
Mr. Steadman presented a Mayor's Water Quality Committee Report, stating that communication with DEEP, CT DOT and City on drainage at 6 Nathan Hale, which is in Wilson Point, is not under City auspices due to it being in a private road

and neighborhood. However, it does fall under DEEP jurisdiction because it discharges into the Sound.

SHELLFISH COMMISSION –

Mr. Steven Bartush presented a lengthy report which included: percentage of rain totals for April and May including closures, calls to the Advisory Hotline which was more than triple from the previous month, updates relating to 26 Shorefront Park Violations, DEEP Permit Consultation Form received from 52 Shorefront Park, NSC Walk Bridge outstanding items – many of which remain unresolved with the DOT wanting a sign off at the next meeting, and the State of Hawaii decision relating to sunscreens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Steadman reported on Long Island Sound Proof Plan and wrote a letter with comments consisting with Norwalk Harbor Blue Plan Jurisdiction, to include a policy to the effect and not diminish any harbor or municipality jurisdiction. Some of the questions raised included: how does the Plan effect CT and NY State dredging issues, and will the affect make it better or worse.

The Harbor Management had concerns to the water depth, and wanted to know why it is needed in a separate Blue Federal Consistent Plan. Coastal policies and Energy and Pipe Lines were also of concern.

- **Application Review – Mr. Romano**

Norwalk Cove Marina Inc., Dredging, Structure and Fill Application. Revised application. Norwalk Cove Marina resubmitted their proposal to extend and reconfigure an existing south dock to support additional boat slip for public rental. The extension will increase floating dock area from 9,000 to 16,000 square feet, 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 log boats, deck barges, barge mounted cranes, and small work boats.

**** MR. KIBBE MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED PRE-APPLICATION PLANS AND**

1) THE COMMISSION HAS NO OBJECTION TO THEIR INCLUSION IN AN APPLICATION TO DEEP, AND

2) THE COMMISSION RESERVES ITS RIGHT TO MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE HARBOR

MANAGEMENT PLAN AT SUCH TIME AS A PUBLIC HEARING IS HELD OR A PUBLIC NOTICE IS ISSUED.

**** MR. MACDONNELL SECONDED.**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Discussion of the Walk Bridge Project- Minutes of the last Shellfish Commission meeting (June 6th) cited that DOT plans to request a vote from the Commissioners regarding DOT's pre-application plan by July. The NHMC will discuss its previously submitted issues and recommendations. Some of these items have been addressed in open discussion but not delineated in a formal proposal.

The letter received from the DOT will be addressed in due time so a vote was not taken. A discussion of the Pre-Application followed and it was determined that the Pre-Application will probably be resubmitted and include the Standard language not expedited. There are still outstanding issues related to the water monitoring report, discussion with Harbor Master of the bridge uses.

- **Mooring and Harbor Safety** – No report.
- **Finance** – Mr. Mobilia presented the Account balances. \$6,805.70 is current balance. Discussion revolved around the interns and the payment of the invoices.
- **Plans and Recommendations** – No discussion was had.
- **Newsletter/website** – Mr. Kibbe stated he is trying to understand the City website.
- **Water Quality** – Water quality and temperature are good. There have been communications with DEEP, CT DOT and City on drainage at 6 Nathan Hale which is in Wilson Point and not under City auspices due to it being in a private road and neighborhood. However, it does fall under DEEP jurisdiction because it discharges into the Sound.

DOT says the discharge pipe off of Reed Street is not theirs.

CT Blue Plan is the development of in-Sound utilities.

CT DOT water monitoring up and running, but it is not real time and not live.

Mr. Roberts from the Department of Parks and Rec answered questions on pesticides and herbicide use.

All other issues were previously discussed from the Shellfish Commission Report.

- **Bridges** -- No discussion was had.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- ** MR. ROMANO MADE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A comment was made to have the minutes more comprehensive.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

There was no new or old business to consider at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- ** MR. ROMANO MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Dalmage
Telesco Secretarial Services