



***Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
Combined Application Review Committee Meetings***

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

*** VIRTUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ONLINE ***

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The Chairman reserves the right to change the order of the agenda

1. **Call to Order/Pledge**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Application Review Committee – Dr. Pinto**
 - a. **13 River Drive, Norwalk, CT. Application:** The applicant, Sam Haight, proposes to remove existing pier, ramp and dock; construct a 4' by 36' piling-supported timber pier, 42" by 24' ramp, and 8' by 12.5' timber floating dock for private recreational small boat launching and landing.
 - b. **165 Gregory Blvd, Norwalk, CT. pre-Application:** The applicant plans to construct a 4' by 30' piling-supported timber pier, 3' by 30' ramp, 5' by 6' ramp landing float and 5' by 20' timber floating dock for private recreational boating.
 - c. **38 Yarmouth Road, Rowayton, CT. pre-Application:** Mr. Geoffrey Porges proposes to construct 17' by 5' maximum width masonry steps for improved access to adjacent waterway.
 - d. **3 East Wall St Zoning Text Amendment Application:** Discuss language regarding the NHMC responsibilities to review applications: “....review all proposals for dredging, filling and constructing or altering any structure on, in or contiguous to the harbor and to cooperate with federal and state permitting authorities to ensure their consistency with the harbor management plan.”
 - e. **Open discussion concerning a Connecticut Superior Court decision regarding the Greenwich Harbor Commission’s challenge to a DEEP permit issued for a private dock.** The Court’s decision stated, among other things, that municipal harbor management commissions lack authority to review and make recommendations on proposals for state permits affecting their harbors. This statement is counterintuitive and counterproductive to the intent of all Harbor Management Plans and to Sec. 22a-113m of the General Statutes that specifies any recommendation made pursuant to a section in a State-approved Plan “shall be binding on any official of the state, municipality or any other political subdivision when making regulatory decisions or undertaking or sponsoring development affecting the area within the commission's jurisdiction, unless such official shows cause why a different action should be taken.”
 - f. **Standing Action Items:** Open discussion of future Walk Bridge proposals regarding placement of transmission cables by Eversource and DOT, DOT’s plans for stationing work barges in Norwalk Harbor; DOT’s plans to monitor water quality, and bulkhead construction at proposed South Water Street staging properties.
1. **Chairman’s Report – Romano**
2. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. Harbor Master – Scully
 - b. Consultant – Steadman
3. **Shellfish Commission – Johnson and Bartush**
4. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Mooring and Harbor Safety – Santella



- b. Finance – Kibbe
 - c. Plans and Recommendations – Mangels
 - d. Newsletter/Website – Kibbe
 - e. Water Quality – Crespo and Schnierlein
 - f. Bridges
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Approval of Minutes:** January 27th, 2021
7. **Adjournment**



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