

**CITY OF NORWALK  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 25, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:** Tony D'Andrea, Chair; Jose Cebrian, Vice Chair; Henry Palau, Secretary; Tony Mobilia, Mike Harden, Pat Clark,

**STAFF:** Brenda Hrtanek, Planning and Zoning

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. D'Andrea called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mr. D'Andrea called the roll and stated that a quorum was present. The following Commissioners had excused absences: Dr. Pinto, Mr. Callahan, and Mr. Romano along with Harbor Master Griffin.

**Chairman's Report**

Mr. D'Andrea distributed copies of his report and a list of the various standing and subcommittees for the Harbor Management Commission.

**\*\* MR. MOBILIA MOVED TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:**

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE: JOSE CEBRIAN, CHAIR; MIKE HARDEN**

**APPLICATION REVIEW: PAT CLARK, CHAIR; HENRY PALAU, JOHN PINTO, AND GEOFF STEADMAN, HARBOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.**

**PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: TONY MOBILIA, CHAIR; JACK CALLAHAN, JOHN PINTO AND GEOFF STEADMAN, HARBOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT.**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE: CHAIR AND MEMBERS APPOINTED BY MOTION OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**MAYOR'S WATER QUALITY: MIKE HARDEN, CHAIR; JACK CALLAHAN, JOHN PINTO.**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES:**

**WATERFRONT FACILITIES ADVISORY: MIKE GRIFFIN, HARBOR MASTER, CHAIR. OTHERS FROM THE COMMISSION AS NEEDED.**

**DREDGING: DR. JOHN PINTO, CHAIR; TONY MOBILIA, GEOFF STEADMAN, HARBOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT; MICHAEL GRIFFIN, HARBOR MASTER.**

**BOATING AND HARBOR SAFETY: HENRY PALAU, CHAIR; MICHAEL GRIFFIN, HARBOR MASTER.**

**WEB PAGE AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR: JOHN ROMANO, CHAIR; TONY MOBILIA, ALL HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSIONERS: GEOFF STEADMAN, HARBOR MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT MICHAEL GRIFFIN, HARBOR MASTER.**

**THE CHAIR IS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES, EXCEPT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.**

**\*\* MS. CLARK SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. D'Andrea then reviewed the incoming correspondence and the correspondence sent out as noted in his report.

**APPLICATION REVIEW**

**2009-03 Vantage Point Associations, Inc. 100 Seaview Ave.; CT DEP #200502096-SJ**

Ms. Clark then gave the Commission a brief overview of the situation. The 1974 permit was issued with one condition that no permanent mooring would be allowed along the northern most portion of the pier. Mr. Redman is looking into this issue along with other concerns. She then recommended that this agenda item remain tabled until Mr. Redman has completed his investigation into the issues. This was agreeable to all.

**City of Norwalk Marina**

Ms. Clark said that she had received a copy of a memo from Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Moccia regarding the removal and re-installation of the City Marina docks and that the project had been completed. There was no action required by the Harbor Management Commission regarding this.

**CT DEP #200800971-SJ Rowayton Yacht Club**

Ms. Clark said that the original application would have been in conflict with the City's Zoning regulations, so the Yacht Club then reconfigured their plans to be in compliance with the zoning regulations. No action by the Harbor Management Commission was required at this time.

Ms. Clark said that a letter had come in from State concerning waiving the public hearing for the river walk along East Avenue. Mr. Steadman suggested that a letter be sent to the State reiterating the Commission's previous comments to the DEP.

**\*\* MS. CLARK MOVED TO SEND A COPY OF THE COMMISSIONS' PREVIOUS COMMENTS TO THE CT DEP REGARDING THIS ISSUE.**

**\*\* MR. PALAU SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Clark then said that she had distributed a set a draft guidelines for applications submitted to the Harbor Management Commission. She then said that there had been a few additions and would welcome any suggestions. Ms. Clark then distributed copies of the updated guidelines.

Ms. Clark said that a request had been made by Mr. Hamilton regarding the establishment of a fee structure. Ms. Clark pointed out that the time that the staff spends on processing the applications should be considered and that the fees should be reasonable and in line with other agencies. Discussion followed on the suggested fees.

Ms. Clark also presented a proposed Application Review Guidelines & Requirements. She indicated that the CT DEP OLISP Pre-Application was available online. The rest of the Commission members agreed that this would be an important part of the application process.

**PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT**

Ms. Hrtanek said that there was nothing to report.

**REPORTS**

**Dredging**

Mr. Mobilia said that the Army Corps is working on tally for the CAD cells for Phase 1. Once they complete the tally for Phase 2, the Commission will know how much the ACOE may be refunding to the City.

Mr. Harden suggested that even though the Commission had voted to move towards Phase 3, it would be good to have some type of public notice thanking those who have assisted in having the project move forward to this stage. Mr. D'Andrea said that he would support this after the ACOE has completed their tallies. Discussion then followed.

### **Finance**

Mr. Cebrian distributed copies of his report. He said that there were no City funds to pay for dredging.

### **Boating and Harbor Safety**

Mr. Palau said there was no report.

### **Water Quality/Watershed Initiative**

Mr. Harden said that he had no report. Mr. D'Andrea said that the Watershed Initiative search for a Director was still in progress. It will be important to have the Watershed Initiative requesting the stressor test from the State.

### **Plans and Recommendations**

Mr. Mobilia distributed copies of the minutes from the Plans and Recommendation Committee meeting on the 19th. Mr. Mobilia said that it would be important to have the amendments to the Harbor Management Plan through the process and approved.

Mr. Mobilia said that there had been some discussion with Mr. Hamilton regarding mooring fees. Discussion regarding this then followed.

### **Waterfront Advisory**

Mr. D'Andrea said that Harbor Master Griffin was at a DEP meeting with Dr. Pinto. He then reviewed Harbor Master Griffin's report with the Commission.

### **Newsletter/Web site**

Mr. D'Andrea then said that Mr. Romano has agreed to chair the newsletter. Mr. Mobilia then listed several potential subjects for articles for the upcoming issue.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Harbor Master/ Harbor Manager**

Mr. D'Andrea distributed copies of Harbor Master's report and the Harbor Manager's report.

**\*\* MR. CEBRIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS FROM THE HARBOR MASTER'S REPORT AND THE HARBOR MANAGER'S REPORT AS SUBMITTED.**

**\*\* MR. HARDEN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **Consultant**

Mr. Stedman said that he had attended a meeting with Harbor Commission representatives and Harbor Masters at the Aquaculture School regarding related issues such as the new DEP regulations.

Mr. Stedman said that the Harbor Master had attended another meeting representing Norwalk regarding the funding needs for the Harbor Commissions.

The Harbor Management Plan is completed and the Plans and Recommendations Committee will contact Mr. Greene about the next

### **APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 2009 MINUTES**

**\*\* MR. PALAU MOVED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2009.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 1, under **ATTENDANCE**: please add "Tony Mobilia"

Page 1, under **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**, paragraph 2, line 2: please change the following from: "D'Andrea, Mr. Mobilia, and Dr. Pinto toured the dredging" to D'Andrea, Mr. Mobilia, and Mr. Steadman toured the dredging"

Page 1, under **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**, paragraph 4, line 2: please change the following from: "Harbor Plan, to Keil Evan, the Norwalk Yacht Club and Marion Soper." To: "Harbor Plan, to Jill Evan, the Norwalk Yacht Club and Marion Soper."

Page 2, under **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**: please change "Juan Cebrian - Vice Chair" to "Jose Cebrian - Vice Chair"

Page 2, under **APPLICATION REVIEW**, paragraph 1, line 5: please change "by the State for licensed architects or surveyors" to: "by the State for licensed engineers"

or surveyors”

**\*\* MR. CEBRIAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### **NEW/OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Clark announced that two applications recently arrived. She distributed copies of these applications to the member of the Application Review Committee.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MR. PALAU MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MR. CEBRIAN SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Telesco Secretarial Services

