

*Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
Application Review Committee
Minutes
January 19, 2010*

Attendees: Pat Clark, Chair; Mike Griffin; John Hilts; Tony D'Andrea (8:00); Geoff Steadman (8:15)

Meeting called to order 7:35

1. 2009-13 Revised: Richard Scalise, 15 Seabreeze Place

The proposal was originally reviewed November, 2009 and tabled by the Commission as we were advised it was under review and revision. The new drawings, dated 12/8/09 by John Hilts, show a recreational boat dock with a boat lift that extends waterward a total of 67' from an existing seawall (6' shorter than on original drawings). The pile supported timber pier is at +12.5' elevation to accommodate the spartina growth in the area; it is 4' x 52', ending in a 7' x 14' pierhead that anchors the boat lift. The electrically powered lift extends 8' beyond the pier. Its arms will remain at 2' above the substrate in its lowest position so no structure or vessel shall rest on the bottom.

The proposal also asks for retention of an existing, 147 linear foot seawall built prior to 1980, and for the installation of 4' wide access steps from the owner's property to the top of the seawall.

Norwalk Shellfish Commission had previously stated no objection to this project. We examined the proposal drawings and Mr. Hilts provided was helpful in providing information on discussions with DEP and the Dep't of Aquaculture.

The committee voted 2-0-0 to recommend the proposal is consistent with the Plan, with a comment that work must meet all applicable City codes.

Agent: John Hilts

2. Other Business:

1. Permit received: CT DEP # 200802445 for David Woodward, 16 Tonetta Circle, East Norwalk. The permit shows a 4' x 12' pile supported timber pier; a 3' x 22' aluminum gangway leading to a 10' x 10' timber float; and six pilings at the waterward end: together they support the dock lift and the adjacent boat lift. The lifts include float stops. The lifts will maintain a distance of 18" above the substrate. Total waterward encroachment from the existing stone seawall is 40'.

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The permit also authorizes retention of the existing stone seawall and for routine maintenance to it.

Agent: Roberge Associates

The Committee reviewed the permit and noted that this revision had never been seen by the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission despite a request to do so.

2. Review of letter sent from Brian Thompson, OLISP, to Tony D'Andrea (NHMC) and to John Frank (Norwalk Shellfish Commission) discussing the revision process for this permit. The letter states that as the original NHMC letter indicated the proposal was inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan based on objections from the Norwalk Shellfish Commission, DEP's staff coordinated directly with Mr. Frank to review alternative dock designs.

The letter also indicates that a revision of CT DEP # 200802443-SJ is in process for the adjoining property owners. That original application had been tabled by the Commission.

A discussion followed regarding the communications between the Harbor Commission and the permitting authorities. Mr. D'Andrea will pursue further discussions.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm.

Pat Clark,
Chair