

*Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
Application Review Committee
Minutes: February 17, 2009*

Attendees: Pat Clark, Chair; Henry Palau, Tony Mobilia, Tony D'Andrea, Michael Griffin, Alison Tamsett of Norwalk Marine Contractors; Geoff Steadman (8:17)

7:32 Meeting called to order

1. 2009-02 Cont'd: Marion Soper, 63 Bluff Avenue, Rowayton

Agent Alison Tamsett provided additional materials for a review of the proposal for installation of a 4 x 30' fixed pier with 2 pilings, a 3 x 30' ramp, and a 6 x 16' float stabilized by 2 pilings; also to maintain a pre-39 seawall. A discussion followed; Ms Tamsett explained the lack of littoral lines on the drawings. Mr. Palau moved that the proposal be found consistent with the NHMP and brought forward to the Commission. The motion carried, 2-0-0.

2. 2009-03: Vantage Point Condominiums, Cove Avenue, East Norwalk

Mr. Mobilia furnished a packet of information that had been left for the Commission by Redniss and Mead, agents for the proposal. Part 1 of the proposal is asking for authorization for previous repair work to the seawall on the property. Part 2 is asking for authorization to berth boats along a section of the dock that would be in compliance for the setback requirements from the Federal channel.

A discussion followed; Mr. Steadman pointed out that while there was much information provided, there was no mention of an application to CT DEP to authorize the entire floating dock structure. The proposal was tabled pending further information from the agents.

3. 2009-04: Norwalk Power LLC, Manresa Island Avenue, South Norwalk

CT DEP Notice of Determination Regarding a Title V Operating Permit; this has been assigned DEP Bureau of Air Management # PAMS 200802684. The proposal is to approve new permitting for continued operation of the power plant under the provisions of the Clean Air Amendments of 1990; no increases in annual emissions for the facility are expected. A discussion followed, with particular concern expressed for whether the continuing emissions might have impact on shellfish resources and water quality in Norwalk Harbor. The proposal was tabled pending further information from the Shellfish Commission and from the applicant.

4. Other Business

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the increasing responsibilities of the Harbor Commission, especially the Application Review Committee, in the new CT DEP process. This requires the Committee to do much more homework on the proposals being submitted. Further work is needed to prepare a set of guidelines for pre-application review, as well as creating a form that the Commission can use in evaluating proposals for consistency with the Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm

Pat Clark, Chair
Application Review Committee