

*Norwalk Harbor Management Commission
Application Review Committee
Minutes: May 19, 2009*

Attendees: Pat Clark, John Pinto, Henry Palau, CT Harbormaster Mike Griffin, Shellfish Commissioner John Frank, Tony D'Andrea, Tony Mobilia, John Roberge of Roberge Asso., and Geoff Steadman (8:45).

7:40 Meeting Called to Order

1. 2009-09: Anthony and Elise Tomas, 18 Tonetta Circle, East Norwalk. DEP# 200802443-SJ.

Permit application to install recreational boating facility at a private residence. The proposal is for an 84'6" encroachment including a reconfigured 6' x 6' deck, a pile supported timber pier at 12' above MLW, aluminum gangway, 10' x 10' float, two boat lifts, and six pilings for the float and lift. The lifts will operate independently; the structure includes stops to keep the float and the vessel 18" above the substrate. The lift will also allow the float and/or vessel to be kept in a raised position during storms and during the winter season. The top of the lift pilings is at 18.5'; maximum lift is 16.8'.

A Notice of Violation was issued to this property; all old unauthorized structures were removed.

Plans prepared by Roberge Associates, coastal engineers; revision 3 dated 3/9/09 follows consultation with CT DEP.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the scale of the structures and the possible consequences to shellfish harvesting during winter months. The Committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend favorable action PENDING approval by the Shellfish Commission.

2. 2009-10: David Woodward, 16 Tonetta Circle, East Norwalk. DEP # 200802445-SJ

Permit application for recreational boating facility at the adjacent property to the north of above; the overall plans are similar. Encroachment will be 88'2"; the plans show a reconfigured 6' x 6' deck, a 12' high timber pile-supported pier, aluminum gangway, 10' x 10' float, and boat lift; the float and lifts are supported by six pilings and can operate independently; they include stops to keep the float and vessel 18" above the substrate. The float and vessel can be raised during storms and for the winter season. The top of the pilings is at 18.5'; maximum lift is at 16.8' Additionally, the applicant seeks authorization for an existing stone seawall.

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2009-10 Cont

Plans prepared by Roberge Asso., coastal engineers and revised to 3/5/09 after consultation with DEP.

After discussion, the Committee voted 3-0-0 to recommend favorable action PENDING approval by the Shellfish Commission.

3. 2009-11: City of Norwalk (WPCA) for work at 5 South Smith Street

CAM application and site plan review submitted by Norwalk Zoning Commission for work to expand the wastewater treatment plant for construction of a wet weather preliminary treatment facility. All proposed improvements are fully contained within the flood protection dike with no impacts to coastal resources anticipated. Engineering studies indicate pre-and-post construction peak runoff rates are identical.

Engineering studies prepared by Diversified Technology Consultants of North Haven, CT

CT DEP has issued a Notice of Intent Not to Prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation on these improvements to the site.

The plans were examined and discussed; the Committee voted 3-0-0 to find the proposal consistent with the Plan with the condition that the Commission reserves the right to re-evaluate when it may be submitted to the permitting authority, modified, go to public notice, or when additional information becomes available.

4. 2009-03 Cont.: Vantage Point Asso, 100 Seaview Avenue. DEP #200502096.

Ray Redniss of Redniss & Mead has faxed a drawing depicting extended littoral lines at the southern end of the Association property, plus a copy of his letter to Richard Linnartz of Norwalk DPW. No response from the City has been received.

The Committee voted 3-0-0 to continue tabling this proposal pending further information.

5. Sean & Deborah O'Connor, 12 Nathan Hale Drive, So Norwalk. DEP #200603092-SJ

DEP OLISP Notice of Tentative Determination to Approve an application for construction of residential pier, ramp, & float. Previously reviewed by NHMC and recommended for favorable action pending approval by Shellfish Commission. The Committee let the previous finding stand.

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6. South Norwalk Boat Club, 16 Mack Street, So Norwalk. DEP #200900059-SJ

DEP OLISP Notice of Tentative Determination to approve work to reconfigure docks. Previously reviewed by NHMC and found consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. The Committee let the previous finding stand.

7. Total Marine, Inc. Water Street, So Norwalk. DEP # 200900058-SJ.

DEP OLISP Notice of Tentative Determination to approve work to reconfigure docks. Previously reviewed by NHMC and found consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. The Committee let the previous finding stand.

Permit Received:

CT DEP #200801881-SJ to RMS Construction for work at 142-144 East Avenue.

Other Business:

The Committee and its advisors conducted a lengthy review of the proposed “Guidelines and Requirements for Proposals Submitted to the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission”. Some changes were suggested and incorporated; the final document will be brought forward to the full Commission on May 27, 2009.

Adjourned: 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Clark
Chair, Application Review