

# ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

FLIP HUFFARD, CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM CAVERS, VICE CHAIRMAN  
WALTER RALEIGH, VICE CHAIR-SHELLFISH  
FRANK KEMP, CLERK  
ROB MONRO  
JON SCHOUEDEL  
PALMER SPARKMAN  
STEVEN SPIVEY  
ROBERT VILTER



EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS  
JANE BRANIGAN, PARK & REC COMM.  
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER  
CAPT. GARY PAVIA, POLICE DEPT.

## Minutes of August 13, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm in Room 213 by Chairman Huffard

Present were: Chairman Huffard, Vice Chairman Cavers, Vice Chairman Raleigh, Commissioners Jewett, Kemp, McDonald, Spivey, Vilter, and Harbor Master Bell.

Absent were: Commissioners Monroe, Schoudele, and Sparkman.

The minutes of the last meeting of June 4, 2014 were approved.

### Chairman's Report

Chairman Huffard and Vice-Chairman Cavers reported on their recent meeting with First Selectman Stevenson. Issues that were covered included: a preview of the harbor channel survey with a view to dredging, the boat ramp at the Park and Rec's facility at Pear Tree Beach, the role of ex-officio members of the commission, and the interest of the First Selectman in any harbor environmental issues.

It was agreed that better communications would be arranged with the Park and Rec Commission and the Police Department, so as to encourage participation in the Commission's meetings. In the case of the Police Department, they may wish to identify a member of the Marine Unit to serve as the ex-officio member of the Commission.

### Harbor Master's Report

Harbor Master Bell noted that at mid-summer there were several moorings without boats on them, and that there were several winter stakes still in the harbor. He will be conducting a survey of the situation in the next few weeks and will report on his findings at the next meeting.

As for the issue of repositioning and adding to the number of speed-limit and rock buoys, he has identified a company that can supply the foam buoys at a very economical rate. He will be confirming that these buoys meet state standards and that the use of lights on these buoys is permitted by the authorities.

### **Vice Chairman - Shellfish Report**

Vice Chairman Raleigh noted that Darien's three-year agreement with the Pramer Oyster Co. to stock the Town's recreational clam beds, in return for the Pramer Co.'s use of 25 acres of growing areas in town waters, expires on September 30, 2014. Mr. Pramer has requested a renewal of the agreement for four years. Since Pramer has faithfully added no less than 60 bushels of clams to the Town's beds each year, it is recommended that we renew the agreement with the Pramer Co., through September 2018.

### **Greenwich Shellfish Lease/Mooring Developments**

Chairman Huffard continued the discussion of the Greenwich situation, concluding that there is no direct action for Darien to take right now. None the less there will be a review of the shellfish lease and property ownership records, so as to be better prepared to discuss this issue if it is raised in Darien. Commissioner Kemp noted that the GMIS system (now used to document Public Works projects) may be useful in recording the locations of property lines in this case.

### **Paddle Sport Education**

Vice-Chairman Cavers reported that the various providers of paddle-sport education were not set up to present the desired educational program at the desired venue this year. Further research on the topic is required, with a view to presenting a program next spring.

### **ID of Hazardous Rock Projects**

Several hazardous rocks have been identified on paper, so now attention passes to the process of securing the permit, and the selection of an economical buoy to mark the rocks. This part of the project may work in tandem with the effort to add speed limit buoys, mentioned earlier in the meeting.

### **Other Business**

It was noted that the addition of a "Local Boating Guide" would be welcome on the Town web site, perhaps following the format presented by Oyster Bay's guide.

There will be a meeting of the Long Island Sound Study in Mamaroneck on Friday October 3. The Town is a member of this organization. Any Commissioner interested in attending this meeting should let Chairman Huffard know.

A calendar for next year will be prepared, continuing meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm, with a meeting tentatively scheduled for July, rather than August.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in Room 213.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Kemp, Clerk