

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - MAY 27, 2026
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: Jeff Mangels, Chair; Chris MacDonnell; Jon Wilkins Jr.; Kelly Bloom; Matt Gifford; Alan Kibbe; Danielle Kurkjian.

STAFF: Steve Kleppin

OTHERS: Bruce Lovallo, Harbor Master; Owen Lee, Deputy Harbor Master; Steve Bartush, Shellfish Commission.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mangels called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present.

II. ROLL CALL

Chair Mangels conducted roll call and a quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tracy Barclay, 61 Cove Avenue, spoke regarding the Strategic Harbor Plan and expressed concerns about public access at Seaside Place, which has been closed off by gates.

Diane Cece, 37 Olmstead Place, spoke regarding the Strategic Harbor Plan and public access at Seaside Place.

IV. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting: April 22, 2026

****COMMISSIONER WILKINS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED.
**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BLOOM.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

A. CSPR Referral – 9 Shorehaven Rd cont.

****COMMISSIONER GIFFORD MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.
**MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KIBBE.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CSPR Referral – 22 Lowndes Ave

****COMMISSIONER MACDONNELL MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.
MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KIBBE

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

C. Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Referral #2026-40R

****COMMISSIONER MANGELS MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GIFFORD.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Referral #2026-38R

****COMMISSIONER KIBBE MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MACDONNELL.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

E. Zoning Regulation Text Amendment Referral #2026-31R

****COMMISSIONER MANGELS MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MACDONNELL.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

F. POCD Amendment Referral and Presentation – Strategic Harbor Plan cont.

****COMMISSIONER MACDONNELL MOVED TO FIND THE APPLICATION CONSISTENT WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN, CONTINGENT THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE POCD BE NAMED THE “STRATEGIC HARBOR STUDY”.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KIBBE.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairman Mangels provided remarks.

B. Shellfish Commission

Steve Bartush provided the Shellfish Commission report.

C. Staff

1. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Bruce Lovallo and Deputy Harbor Master Owen Lee provided the Harbor Master report.

D. Committee

1. Mooring and Harbor Safety

Commissioner Wilkins provided the Mooring and Harbor Safety report.

2. Finance

Commissioner MacDonnell provided the Finance report.

3. Plans and Recommendations

Commissioner Kibbe provided the Plans and Recommendations report, including discussion of a potential letter regarding Seaside Place access.

4. Newsletter/Website

No report.

5. Water Quality

Discussion was held regarding the Water Quality Intern Program.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

****COMMISSIONER KIBBE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

****MOTION SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GIFFORD.**

****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary