

**CITY OF NORWALK
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 30, 2025**

ATTENDANCE: Alan Kibbe, Chair; Chris MacDonnell; Jeff Mangels; Dr. John Pinto; Mike Matthews; Laurie Jones; Donald Remson

ABSENT: Chris White; Matt Gifford

STAFF: Amelia Williams

OTHER: Mario Coppola, Corporation Counsel; Matt Sapienza, Assistant Corporation Counsel; Nicholas Bamonte, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kibbe called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. There was a quorum present.

COMMISSIONER TRAINING SESSION WITH LAW DEPARTMENT

Mr. Coppola, Mr. Sapienza, and Mr. Bamonte came forward to deliver the training session. The training session touched on the following items:

- Powers of HMCs
 - Harbor Management Plan preparation and submission to the legislative body
 - Advisory Power to the Common Council
 - Review of Applications affecting Harbor to other Agencies
 - Coordination with entities using Harbor
 - Procurement/Contracting
 - Adoption of rules and regulations and plans as the HMC deems necessary.
 - Consideration and approval or denial of permits for motorboat regattas, motorboat races, exhibition speedboat trials and waterskiing or aquaplane exhibitions.
 - Limited mooring and anchoring oversight under Code Ch. 66A.
 - Nominate Harbormasters and Deputy Harbormasters.
 - Interplay of multiple agencies regulating water and coastline.
- HMC Procedures
 - Review of applications affecting Harbor to other agencies.
 - Harbor Management Plan Changes.
 - Adoption of Rules and Regulations.
 - Harbor Fees.
 - Appeals of Ch66A.
- Freedom of Information Act

- What is a meeting?
 - Notice
 - Public Records
- Requirements and Best Practices for Meetings
 - Participation/Attendance
 - Public Hearings
- Commissioner Conduct
 - Conflicts/Recusals
 - Bias/Predetermination
 - Ex Parte Communication

A discussion followed about the legal details and all questions asked were answered to the satisfaction of the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kibbe adjourned the meeting at 8:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian A. Soltes

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