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- The Stamford Harbor Management Commission, created by state statute and a Stamford ordinance, is a city agency that protects Stamford Harbor, Coastal Areas and Inland waterways. It reviews all requests for Coastal Area development, sending its recommendations to the Zoning Board and the state DEEP. If the Harbor Management Commission rejects a coastal application, the Zoning Board can only overturn it with a super majority vote. It also preserves and protects water dependent industries and amenities.
- The SHMC is self- funding with revenue collected from open water moorings, tug and barge fees, coastal site plan reviews, DEEP reviews and a shellfish lease fee enacted July 1, 2022, all approved by the Board of Representatives.
- There are no head count changes and we have obtained \$150,000 in capital funding for a work/utility boat approved by OPM and the Planning Board. This vessel will be operated by the Parks Department Marina Supervisor to assist in the repair and reconstruction of piles, floats and finger piers at our two municipal marinas. Our harbor masters will also operate it to remove debris and abandoned boats from the our two harbors

and remove, replace or reposition buoys, surveillance cameras speed markers, rock buoys and all other navigational devices.

- No services or programs will be curtailed
- Our key challenge is an ongoing lawsuit that can curtail the enforcement and review powers of Connecticut's 42 Harbor Commission's including Stamford's. The commission and staff have been reviewing and studying this lawsuit with our Legal Department.
- This year's most significant highlight is the "seeding" and care of a 56-acre oyster fishery in the West Branch of Stamford Harbor. The lease for the fishery was awarded to Bloom Brothers, the high bidder: an oyster and shellfish firm known for its high-end products. This three-year lease generates \$11,500 annually for the SHMC that is used to cover our operating expenses.