



Appointments Committee – Board of Representatives

Annie M. Summerville, Chair John Boccuzzi, Vice Chair

Notice of Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 31, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard

The Appointments Committee met as indicated above. Present were Chair Summerville, Vice Chair Boccuzzi and Committee Members Caterbone, Cerasoli, Franzetti, McGarry and Savage. Also present were Reps. Cannady and Zelinsky and Gerry Bosak, Board of Finance Member.

Chair Summerville called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.	<u>Patriotic & Special Events Commission</u>	NO ACTION
1. A28.069	Ralph Battinelli (R) 9 Amherst Place Stamford, CT 06902 Term Expires: 12/01/11	<i>Reappointment</i> <i>Exp. 12/1/8</i> TAKEN

The Committee voted to recess to September 7, 2010 at 6:45 p.m. to interview Mr. Battinelli, who was unable to attend.

7:00 p.m.	<u>Harbor Management Commission</u>	COMMITTEE
2. A28.080	Jeff Saunders (U) 195 Long Ridge Road Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 08/02/13	<i>Reappointment</i> <i>Exp. 8/2/10</i> APPROVED 6-0-1

Mr. Saunders confirmed that he is a member of the Ponus Yacht Club and will be filling that slot on this Commission. Chair Summerville asked him if he supported the recently-enacted mooring fees. He replied that the Commission needs a source of revenues, and, therefore, he has no objections to those fees. (Rep. Franzetti abstained due to a possible conflict of interest.)

7:15 p.m.	<u>Harbor Management Commission</u>	COMMITTEE
3. A28.075	W. Frank Dell, II (R) 125 Hardesty Road Stamford, CT 06903 Term Expires: 08/02/13	<i>Repl. Trow</i> <i>Exp. 8/2/10</i> APPROVED 7-0-0

Mr. Dell confirmed that he is an at-large member. Mr. Dell stated he owns a boat, he's a member of the power squadron and teaches power boating. He was asked about mooring fees, and he stated he had no objections to them. He added that he is of the understanding that the Stamford Yacht Club may not be required to pay mooring fees because of certain Federal laws, but believes everyone should pay some fee and that the issue needs to be looked at thoroughly. Rep. Savage asked if he was familiar with the Stamford Harbor Management Plan, and he said he has reviewed it briefly.

4. [A28.076](#) Harbor Management Commission **COMMITTEE**
John Condlin (U) *Repl. Fox* **APPROVED**
95 Downs Avenue *Exp. 8/2/10* **6-0-1**
Stamford, CT 06901
Term Expires: 08/02/13

Mr. Condlin stated that he previously filled the Stamford Yacht Club member slot. He is now going to fill the Halloween Yacht Club member slot. Mr. Condlin wanted to be re-appointed to this Commission because he believes his institutional knowledge and history on the Commission will be helpful. Mr. Condlin was very involved in the establishment of the mooring fees, and he stated he is very knowledgeable of the Harbor Management Plan. (Rep. Boccuzzi abstained on this vote.)

5. [A28.077](#) Harbor Management Commission **COMMITTEE**
Damian E. Ortelli (R) *Repl. Strada* **APPROVED**
41 Iroquois Road *Exp. 8/2/10* **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 08/02/13

Mr. Ortelli stated he would be filling the City Marina User slot. Mr. Ortelli is very knowledgeable about boating, having participated in this activity for many years. Mr. Ortelli has not attended any Commission meetings, and told the Committee Members that he has adequate time to devote to the Harbor Commission. He stated he is familiar with the Harbor Management Plan.

6. [A28.078](#) Harbor Management Commission **COMMITTEE**
James Ryan (R) *Repl. Condlin* **APPROVED**
25 Westminster Road *Exp. 8/2/10* **6-0-1**
Stamford, CT 06902
Term Expires: 08/02/13

Mr. Ryan was nominated to fill the Stamford Yacht Club slot. Mr. Ryan advised the Committee that he has attended several Commission meetings.

Mr. Ryan stated that litigation should be avoided at all cost with regard to the mooring fees and the Stamford Yacht Club. He believes there are fundamental problems with the imposition of mooring fees on members of the Stamford Yacht Club. Vice Chair Boccuzzi stated that he has been advised that Mr. Condlin was moved to the Halloween Yacht Club slot to make room for Mr. Ryan because of his opposition to the mooring fees. Mr. Ryan stated he has never said that he disagrees with the imposition of mooring fees, but he does believe that the imposition of fees on 170 Stamford Yacht Club members (out of 219 total moorings) is unfair as the benefits to the harbor should be paid for by all citizens. Mr. Ryan was asked if he would excuse himself from voting on any matters

relating to mooring fees, and Mr. Ryan responded that he would abide by any decision of the Board of Ethics.

Rep. Caterbone stated that during the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting (at which the fees were discussed), he recalls Mr. Ryan speaking out publicly against the mooring fees. (Vice Chair Boccuzzi abstained on this vote.)

7. [A28.079](#) Harbor Management Commission - Alternate **COMMITTEE**
Frank Fumega (R) *Repl. Ruffels* **APPROVED**
128 Hubbard Avenue *Exp. 8/2/10* **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 08/02/13

Mr. Fumega was nominated as an alternate member of this Commission. Mr. Fumega is a coast guard captain and works on a freelance basis for the Greenwich Dock Master. He is a life-long boater and teaches boating practice and safety. He has attended many Harbor Management Commission meetings and is familiar with the Harbor Management Plan.

- 7:30 p.m.** Transit District **NO ACTION**
8. A28.081 Jon T. Gallup (D) *Reappointment* **TAKEN**
P.O. Box 3453 *Exp. 12/1/9*
Stamford, CT 06905
Term Expires: 12/01/13

It was requested by committee members that Mr. Gallup be held until the September Appointments Committee meeting (Mr. Gallup was unable to attend this evening's meeting).

- 7:45 p.m.** Zoning Board of Appeals **COMMITTEE**
9. A28.082 Jonathan Hoch (R) *Reappointment* **APPROVED**
116 Knapp Street *Exp. 12/1/5* **7-0-0**
Stamford, CT 06907
Term Expires: 12/01/11

Mr. Hoch has been on the ZBA for many years and enjoys his service on the Board. He is very familiar with ZBA rules and regulations, and all Committee members believed him to be a qualified candidate.

At 8:54 p.m., the meeting was continued until 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie M. Summerville, Chair