

**CITY OF NORWALK
APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2019**

ATTENDANCE: Dr. John Pinto, Chair; John Romano, NHMC Chair; William Gardella Sr., Alan Kibbe, Christopher MacDonnell

STAFF: Geoff Steadman, Consultant

OTHERS: Peter Johnson, Shellfish Commission;
Steve Bartush, Shellfish Commission;
Andy Fesenmeyer, Highway Design,
Adam Fox, Environmental Compliance, Chris Samorajczyk,
Environmental Planning, Connecticut DOT;
Brett Stark and Justine Ziobron, BL Companies (Consultant Liaison Engineer)

320 Wilson Avenue CAM application. The Applicant, Crystal LLC, proposes to regrade the site to bring the location to average grade level of Wilson Avenue. The property will be pitched for vehicular access, parking and storm water management. The proposed new structure will be an industrial building of ~45,800 square feet and serviced by new connections to public water, electrical power, and sanitary sewers. Stormwater runoff from the parking lot and building will be directed to hydrodynamic water quality chambers and then to subsurface infiltrators.

37 High Street CAM application. The applicant, High Street, LLC proposes to construct an additional four-units to an existing three-family residence for a total of seven units. An existing on-site stormwater management system will be expanded. The applicant currently has eight precast concrete galleries (storage capacity 626 cf) for stormwater retention and will construct an additional 12 concrete galleries (storage capacity 926 cf). McChord Engineering Associates has determined that the current and proposed addition to the stormwater maintenance system will adequately control peak storm surges and renovate stormwater runoff.

12 Shorehaven Road, Dock Application. The application by Eclipse Holdings, LLC proposes to construct a 4' by 105' piling-supported timber pier that will include a 16,000 lb capacity boat lift.

26 Shorefront Park, COP re-submission. The applicant, Maxine Vigneault, has re-submitted a Certificate of Permission to retain an unauthorized modification of the completed work to an existing stone groin which included placement of 46 cys of additional stone and placement of two large stones within tidal wetlands. This application has been submitted to comply with Consent Order #LIS-2018-4009-V, Part B(3)a which requires the applicant to submit a COP application to authorize the unauthorized work completed that entailed placement and modification of rocks located around entire perimeter of the existing stone groin (paragraph A.3e).

38 Shorefront Park, Permit Application. The applicant, Ms. Kathleen Olsen, proposes to construct a 4' by 64' piling-supported timber pier, 3' by 40' aluminum ramp, and 8' by 20' timber floating dock with float skids for private recreational boating.

67 Bluff Avenue, Dock application. The applicant, Roderick Johnson, proposes to construct a 4' by 54' piling-supported timber pier, 4' by 4' landing, 4' by 7' stairs, 3.5' by 36' aluminum ramp and 8' by 20' piling anchored floating dock. The proposed dock will berth a powerboat and extent into Wilson Cove.

(Postponed) O&G Industries. COP Application. The applicant proposes to complete dredging of pre-existing contaminated material within the Norwalk River in the vicinity of 34-50 Smith Street that according to DEEP must be remediated. Approximately 1,290 cys of contaminated sediment are to be dredged, utilizing a long reach hydraulic excavator operated from a spud barge. The entire barge will be maneuvering within a movable boomed turbidity curtain. Dredged material will be placed into a sealed bottom scow or removed to a contained dewatering area on the upland aggregate storage area prior to disposal at an appropriate upland waste facility. This latter approach is contingent upon receiving ACOE/DEEP permission for open water disposal. In addition, the application proposes to complete maintenance dredging of an additional 1,010 cys along the barge berthing area and bulkhead of 34 Smith Street.

Due to a scheduling misunderstanding, the secretary arrived at 6:30 and joined the meeting in progress.

CTDOT PRESENTATION: WALK BRIDGE PROJECT AND YANKEE DOODLE BRIDGE RESTORATION PROJECT. THE NHMC AND DOT WILL REVIEW INFORMATION GATHERED ON THE SIMULATED DOCKING MANEUVERS FOR MARITIME AND SEAPORT VESSEL RELOCATION. IN ADDITION, THE CONNECTICUT DOT WILL PRESENT PROJECT DOT 102-295 WHICH ENTAILS THE SAUGATUCK RIVER ALONG I-95 TO THE NORWALK RIVER –YANKEE DOODLE BRIDGE. DOT WILL REVIEW THE YANKEE DOODLE BRIDGE RESTORATION PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR, DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS/UPGRADES AND A SMALL TIDAL MITIGATION AREA ALONG HENDRICKS AVENUE UNDER THE YANKEE DOODLE BRIDGE.

A power point presentation was given. Mr. Stark reviewed the project and noted that it is a separate and independent project from the Yankee Doodle project. This is a safety improvement project. They are building what is consistent with other similar projects and will not increase the number of lanes on the turnpike or increase capacity.

Mr. Stark reviewed the proposed improvements including upgrading the roadway to current standards; addressing drainage deficiencies and highway flooding, enhancing rideability and rehabilitation and maintenance of bridges. He reviewed the changes from the 2016 proposed plan.

Mr. Fox reviewed the environmental investigations. Soil samples were collected along I-95 at proposed areas of disturbance. Low-level contaminants (ETPH, PAHs, metals) were detected in soil along I-95. He said they were typical of what is seen on a highway corridor.

Mr. Fox reviewed stormwater compliance. The DOT's MS4 Program has been in effect as of July 1, 2019. The overall goal is to reduce the run off from impervious surfaces. He reviewed the permit overview. Mr. Romano said he understood there were outfalls going into the River and asked where they were now. Mr. Fox said each project has to be analyzed differently.

Mr. Stark reviewed the existing stormwater conditions – the drainage systems, the treatment challenges and the Norwalk River outfall. Dr. Pinto asked about plantings. Mr. Fox said they have to be able to maintain any plantings. Their staff are best able to handle grass swales.

Mr. Fox explained they are treating the first inch of runoff from the impervious area. The first inch of runoff is where they have the highest pollutants. Dr. Pinto asked if they will do testing. Mr. Fox said they would not, but they will maintain the galleries.

Mr. Stark reviewed the proposed stormwater improvements. He said they would build an additional infiltration system. He also reviewed the wetland mitigation and plantings plan. They are going to match the native shrubs and add an extension to the bike trail. An abandoned sewer line will be removed.

Dr. Pinto asked if the public will have access to the water during remediation. Mr. Stark said people will have access to the water.

Mr. Stark reviewed the soil staging and stockpiling plan. He said the waste stock pile is already constructed. He said the work will be conducted during slack tide.

Mr. Stark reviewed the project status and schedule. The design is 90% complete. The estimated construction cost is \$70 million. The goal is to submit the permit application in November 2019 and begin construction in summer 2021. The estimated duration of the project is two – three years.

Mr. Bartush gave a history of the project and said this is a major accomplishment over where it was.

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services