



**TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Harbor Management Commission**

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**HMC SPECIALMEETING MINUTES
August 30, 2021 7:00 P.M.
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, TOWN HALL - HYBRID**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Robert Murphy, Chair; Paul Connolly, Secretary; David Cole; Robert Soden; Lou Vinciguerra; Also in attendance were Attorney Marjorie Shansky, Michael Ott, P.E., Keith Neilson, Paula Kay, and Barbra Croskey, Ray Croskey and Garreth Fullman

3. Discussion and Possible Action on OSHMC Letter Dated July 22, 2021 Responding to Zoning Commission Letter Dated July 13, 2021 Regarding Planned Development District Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations for 91 Sheffield Street

Attorney Shansky began by stating her letter dated August 27, 2021 outlined the issues she wanted to discuss with the Commission.

First, she stated that the text amendment reviewed by the Commission did not solely apply to 91 Sheffield Street property and it appears that Commission reviewed the text amendment assuming it applied solely to the 91 Sheffield Street property. The Commissioner agreed that they applied the text amendment assuming it applied solely to the 91 Sheffield Street property.

Next, Attorney Shansky believed the Commissions letter dated July 22, 2021, did not reflect the meeting minutes of the August 23rd, 2021 OSHMC meeting nor the discussions that occurred during the meeting. In particular, the letter did not reflect there were certain attributes of the 91 Sheffield Street property concept plan that were consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Attorney Shansky also objected to the use of the phrase "in totality". The Commission agreed that there were certain attributes that were consistent with the Harbor Management Plan but that those attributes were outweighed by the loss of land zoned as Marine Industrial. The Commission also stated that the meeting minutes from the August 23rd OSHMC meeting discussed this issue, and the minutes were attached to the subject letter.

Finally, Attorney Shansky thought additional details of the property needed to be provided to the Commission members.

In response to the issues raised, Micheal Ott and Keith Neilson gave presentations containing additional details of the 91 Sheffield Street property. During the presentations, Commission members voiced an opinion that there was not much water at high tide where the planned kayak rack will be located and a different location maybe more suitable.

The Commission agreed that if the text amendment did not apply solely to the 91 Sheffield Street Property, then it had no comment to the text Amendment. If it did apply, it would reissue a letter to the Zoning Commission exchanging the phrase "on balance" for "in totality". It would also copy the text from the August 23rd meeting minutes into the body of the letter.

Mr. Murphy made a motion that the OSHMC authorize him, with My Connolly's assistance, to send another letter to the Zoning Commission regarding the July 13, 2021 memorandum for the Planned Development District Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations related to 91 Sheffield Street stating that (1) if the text amendment did not apply to 91 Sheffield Street then the Commission did not have any comment and (2) if it did apply to 91 Sheffield Street it was on balance inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan and copy the text of the August 23rd Meeting Minutes into the body of the letter. Mr. Vinciguerra seconded the motion and it was so VOTED 5-0-0.

4 Picard LWRD License Application

The OSHMC questioned Mr. Neilson on the status of this permit. Mr Neilsen did not know the status and will get back to the Commission.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Cole made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. seconded by Mr. Connely which was so VOTED unanimously 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Murphy
Chairman, OSHMC