

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, Potter, Mitchell, Michael Pimer, Mark Paine, Public Works liaison, Assistant Planner Killeen and Geoff Steadman, consultant. Absent was Commissioner McKeon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the March 3, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell and passed 4 – 0.

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1. Continued discussions on Harbor Management Plan Draft

Geoffrey Steadman, consultant, stated he is in the process of drafting the plan. He distributed chapters that he has developed. The actual plan is comprised of goals, policies, and recommendations for specific areas and responsibilities for implementation. He also distributed a statement of policies. He would like the commissioners to review these handouts and provide feedback. A photo was distributed showing the Cove River Tide Gates and where the wetland restoration area will be suggested to be expanded to as well as public access. Mr. Paine explained a grant that was granted for engineering study on the outflow pipe at the Water Pollution Control site. Mr. Steadman will be writing a description of the Water Pollution project and the relocation of the boat launching ramp that will follow the policy section of the Plan. Assistant Planner Killeen reported that the Haven developers were scheduled to come before the Harbor Commission for suggestions in May or June, even though a Plan has not yet been formally developed. By next month, all pieces that are missing will be encompassed into a draft plan by Mr. Steadman and sent to the commissioners.

2. Preliminary Results of Harbor Management Survey

Geoffrey Steadman stated there were 551 responses. He distributed a tabulation of all the questions and a summary of everyone comments. He described the type of comments that were made from WH residents such as concerns about storms, no more development, and including public use. About two thirds of the people do not own a boat. Half the people think the water quality is good and the other half think it is poor. Mark Paine explained why the people have the perception that the water quality is poor. A majority of people expressed the enjoyment of walking along the waterfront and the activities they like to be involved in.

REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS – Commissioner Flynn made a motion to have Corporation Counsel check on the status of a property between the City Point Yacht Club

property and I-95 that is titled “under review” in the City’s GIS system; seconded by Commissioner Potter and passed.

Handicap Observation Deck by Sandy Point will be completed next week.

Stringing of nesting areas will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.