

MEETING MINUTES OF  
WEST HAVEN HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
JANUARY 2, 2020

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2020 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, McKeon, Pimer, Consultant Geoff Steadman, Commissioner of Planning and Development Messoro, Parks and Rec liaison Paine and Assistant City Planner Killeen. Absent was Commissioner Potter.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

#### Regular Meeting

1. Update on Boat Launching Ramp Feasibility Study
  - a. Presentation of Conceptual Plan for Boat Ramp - Steve Sternberg, RACE Coastal Engineering

Mr. Killeen noted that, since the state turned down the Kimberly Ave site, RACE has assessed the compost site and will present tonight a proposed concept for that site for the commissioner's review. The purpose of tonight's meeting is to present the concept to obtain Commissioner input and determine the need for modifications before moving forward. Mr. Sternberg presented a layout of the site. All water independent areas are contained in the watershed area. Parking is extended within the compost area, out of the state's jurisdiction. There are about 30 trailer size parking spots and nine vehicular spots with a one way circulation pattern. There will be impact to the wetlands but will be less on this site as opposed to the other site. This plan shows the main boat ramp facility built out. The ramp will be a pre-cast concrete system. There will be a guard shack located at the entrance. This site does not need any dredging. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed with this concept. The issue is how the city would react to this site being used as a boat ramp. Commissioner Messoro agreed to follow-up with Assistant Planner Killeen and the City administration to see if it would be possible to commit this portion of the compost site for use as a boat ramp as shown in the concept plan. Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the proposed concept of the compost site as presented tonight, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

2. Update on 2019 SHIPP Grant Application - Mr. Steadman stated there is nothing new to report. Probably no news until the legislature meets in February. Mr. Steadman will provide contact information for the State, and Mr. Killeen will draft a letter for the commission to send along to the Port Authority encouraging them to make funding decisions on the SHIPP Grants.
3. Discussion of Reclaiming Sand Erosion on Beaches – Commissioner Pacapelli would like to get this item on the agenda. Mr. Paine explained that the city has done a couple of beach projects. Mr. Paine will meet with staff. Mr. Killeen stated it needs to be defined what should be done. Mr. Paine stated a surveyor would probably need to be hired to determine how much sand needs to be moved. Commissioner McKeon made a motion that someone research and define city's obligations towards the maintenance of beach sand per the agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

#### 4. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

ADJOURNMENT: 7:55 P.M.

Commissioner Pacapelli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.