

MINUTES
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

January 4, 2017

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, McKeon, Pimer, Assistant City Planner Killeen, Public Works Liaison Mark Paine and Consultant Jeff Steadman. Absent was Commissioner Potter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2016, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

Regular Meeting

1. Further Discussions and Commissioner Reactions to Recommendations for Harbor Management Plan Draft

Mr. Steadman stated he attended a meeting of the CT Port Authority in November. A grant program was discussed that would provide \$5 million for municipal projects in small harbors. The project will be called the Small Harbor Improvement program. The Port Authority is not yet taking applications, but when they do, the Boat Launching Ramp project would be an appropriate one to propose for grant funding. Meanwhile, staff of the Port Authority felt the sand management program did not come under this grant at this time. A suggestion was made with the possibility of sending a letter and asking for guidance on how to get monies for the sand management program. Information will be forthcoming when the grant application is available. Mr. Steadman spoke with Carol Szymanski regarding the Harbor Management Plan, but, the OLISP office has been reorganized, and she is not the contact anymore. There is no longer a Long Island Sound program but a new land and water resources division has been created. Geoff is awaiting information on who he should contact at this point, but it will probably be under the direction of David Blatt. He distributed the updated copy of the Harbor Plan and discussed the outline of the plan. Commissioners discussed whether they should use the title of the Haven South Redevelopment area in the document. Commissioners agreed that whatever the redevelopment area is called, the development should follow the principles and policies of the Harbor Management Plan for this area.

Watershed Coalition members, Kathy Ebert and Frank Cochran described what the coalition is doing with respect to watershed areas in West Haven. They are trying to

put together an overall vision with the National Park Service, and they are emphasizing public access and trails.

Mr. Steadman explained to the commission about how the West River became classified as non-navigable in the 1950s, which takes the Coast Guard's jurisdiction away from this section of the West River (above I-95).

2. Update/Discussion with City Attorney re: Ownership of Property to the South of I-95

Geoff spoke with Graham Stevens at DEEP who is responsible for land transfers. Geoff hopes to set up a meeting for late January with David Blatt and Graham Stevens so that Geoff, Gene Pacapelli and Dave Killeen could discuss with those DEEP staff members the review and approval process for the Harbor Management Plan and a process whereby the State land adjacent to I-95 could be considered for the launching ramp.]

3. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Paine informed the commissioners that there is a second meeting with NCRS coming up to discuss the next round of acquisitions along Third Avenue and Third Avenue Extension.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

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