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MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION **FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, in the Harriet North, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacabelli, McKeon, Flynn, Potter, Pimer, Robert Pimer, Harbormaster and Mark Paine, Park & Rec, Corporation Counsel Tiernan and Assistant City Planner Conniff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 4, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

REGULAR MEETING:

Letter to United Illuminating – Ms. Conniff stated she was asked to write a letter to the UI Company to thank them for coming before the commission stating the Harbor Commission did feel the UI was using best management practices. This upgrade will achieve high quality for customers and supports the UI. This was for the dredging around Sandy Point. This has already been approved by the Army Corp. Attorney Tiernan explained most of the beaches are dredge material from the 40s and 50s and described where most of the dredge material was dumped. The dredge material at Sandy Point will create additional marsh habitat and will become bigger. He stated that the commission could slow it down if they wanted. The easements with West Haven will be negotiated regarding access. Commissioners question whether this material is contaminated. Attorney Tiernan stated every agency DEEP, EPA and Army Corp have signed off. Robert Pimer is concerned where they want to dump it. Mr. Paine stated the outflow pipe must be replaced at this plant because it had been taken out twice during the hurricanes. This material is going to be dumped there. Attorney Tiernan stated the City Engineer is aware of this. Mr. Pimer stated the dredging can be done on the other side of Sandy Point rather than the boat ramp side. Robert Pimer stated the West River needs to be dredged. Mr. McKeon stated the agencies have never come before this commission for sign offs. Mr. Flynn stated we all agree that this plan doesn't work. Attorney Tiernan stated the dredging will not be as deep. The first proposal was 85 ft. but they will now take 65 ft. Attorney Tiernan will draft easement language and explore the possibility if they want to come before the commission. Mr. McKeon asked about the right to go under the bridge for the boat ramp. Attorney Tiernan stated solar panels will be installed on the land fill. Mr. Pimer asked about cleanup fee for ships and West Haven should be able to get some of that money. He will follow up on the fee and where the revenue should go. Attorney Tiernan brought the commission up to date regarding hunting. There will be discussions with DEEP.



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New Haven Harbor Federal Navigation: Project status from the city -

Status of SHIPP boat ramp grant. – Attorney Tiernan is confident that there will be more compost area and a boat launch. The money is still available. He is still working on it as well as looking into a state-run boat launch

Proposed amendment to CT Harbor Management Act - continued

ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 p.m.

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