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MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION **FEBRUARY 2, 2022**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission will hold a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, Wednesday, February 2, 2022 in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Potter, Flynn, Pimer, McKeon, Geoffrey Steadman, Director of Planning Soto

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of October 6, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Regular Meeting

Lake Street Beach: Chairman Pacapelli requested an update on Catherine Conniff's progress with this issue discussed at the October meeting. Director Soto stated that Ms. Conniff was out on injury and he would have an update for the Commission at the March Meeting.

Update on 2019 SHIPP Grant Application: The Commission requested an update as to the status of the contract with SHIPP. Director Soto informed the Commission that the contract has not yet been signed as the City needs to relocate the compost site where the boat ramp's proposed location is. Director Soto also informed the Commission that the City's Corporation Counsel is currently working on securing a possible site to relocate the compost site and that this should be finalized in several months. Mr. Steadman, stated that RACE has also been working on the wetlands mitigation project that will be part of the boat ramp project approval. They have identified a potential project that is part of the current Cove River area wetlands restoration. Mr. Steadman also noted that it is important to update Mr. Salvatore at CT Port Authority about the status of the contract. He mentioned how future grant consideration is partially judge on past performance, and that delays in this project might hinder future ability to apply for grants.

The Commission requested that staff looking into having the contract signed and have the project move forward while the City also considers an alternate location for the compost site. City Staff will also be in touch with Mr. Salvatore.

Beach Street Phase 2: DEEP Permit Consultation for the reconstruction of Beach Street: Mr. Steadman explained that this was a pre-application form for the purpose of determining any issues prior to submitting an application to DEEP. Mr. Steadman explained that in similar private



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projects other Harbor Commissions have opted to determine that the Harbor Commission would not object to allow the project to move forward to the permit application and will reserve their right to review it during the permit process. In this instance, the Harbor Commission could consider determining that the project is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and refer to the policy of reducing vulnerability of the Harbor Management Area and Waterfront to natural hazards as part of the coastal resiliency policies (5-8 & 6-8). Mr. Steadman also explained that the Commission could take the position that they would not object and reserve the right for further review. Director Soto gave a general review of the Phase 2 elevation of Beach Street. The Commission raised some concern about water surging back in through the headwall. The Commission would like for the City Engineer to attend the March meeting of the Harbor Commission and give further detail on this question. The Commission opted to have staff and Mr. Steadman draft a letter stating that the Commission would not object to the project and reserve the right to further review the application during the permit process.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:14 p.m.

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