

**MINUTES**  
**HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 4, 2018**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, McKeon, Potter, Flynn, Pimer, Assistant City Planner Killeen, Commissioner of Planning and Development Messoro and Consultant Steadman.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner McKeon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

Commissioner Flynn made a motion to move Item 4a to the first item on the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Regular Meeting

4. REFERRALS

- a. City of West Haven/City Engineer proposes dredging of Old Field Creek, subject to Commission's review before proceeding with necessary permits from CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Megan Raymond, Milone & MacBroom, Engineers, in coordination with City Engineer Abdul Quadhir are preparing documentation for the necessary DEEP permits for dredging of Old Field Creek. The dredging will be completed hydraulically. The disposal will be in the southern section of the channel in two areas. There is one inland wetland but there will be no impact. The intent is to improve the conveyance of flow in the channel. The feasibility study showed the physical components of the material. Two years ago the chemical composition was evaluated and that data will be used. There is construction access, north and south near Blohm St. for the sediment disposal. Consultant Steadman stated the commission should agree with this proposal in concept because it is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan but the commission should reserve the right to review the specific design when it is presented for approval. Mr. Killeen asked Mr. Steadman to help him identify the relevant policies in the Plan. Commissioner Flynn made a motion to respond to DEEP's Permit Consultation form as proposed by Mr. Steadman, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

1. Status of Agency Review of Proposed Harbor Management Plan; Preparation of Final Draft Plan.

Mr. Steadman reported that he spoke with Karen Michaels and made her aware that the final document will be forthcoming for approval. Essentially, the State approved all the modifications approved by the Harbor Management

Commission in March. Now, they are just looking for a final version of the Plan that incorporates all of those modifications. He explained that this Plan together with the Plan of Conservation and Development is the vision for the city for land and water use.

2. Discussion of Presentation of Proposed Harbor Management Plan to City Council. The Commissioner of Planning and Development (and possibly Acting Commissioner of Public Works) will be present to hear the Commission's draft presentation and provide input in preparation for presentation to the City Council for adoption.

Mr. Steadman through a PowerPoint presentation reviewed the Harbor Management Plan that has been submitted to the State. He described the five areas that encompass the Harbor Management Resource Areas, the goals and strategies, and management policies. He explained the benefits of the Plan.

Mr. Killeen brought Commissioner Messore up to date on the process that had been used to develop the Harbor Management Plan. This Plan needs to be presented to the City Council for the approval, and Mr. Killeen asked for input from Commissioner Messore regarding this presentation. Commissioner Messore suggested rearranging the priorities and putting Haven South on the top and suggested deleting the numbering since the priorities were not necessarily ranked by importance. This way it doesn't indicate one is more important than the other. Commissioner Messore suggested that the Plan emphasize the historical aspects of the channel being a commercial waterway. Mr. Steadman stated he is of the opinion that it is already in the Plan. Mr. Messore then asked a series of questions regarding the proposed New Haven Harbor Improvement Project and asked how the City might be able to increase the proposed dredging for the extension of the channel into the West River area. He feels that could help create new economic development opportunities for the City. He will reach out to the individuals involved in the Harbor Improvement Project.

3. Update on pending CT Port Authority Grant for Feasibility Study re: Boat Launching Ramp

Approvals are in place, and money is expected in the near future. An RFP will be sent out as soon as possible, based on the Commission's previous input.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS
  - a. Update on Status of Hew Haven Harbor Dredging Project –already discussed above.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:42 p.m.

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