

MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MAY 2, 2018

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the Board of Education Conference Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, McKeon, Pimer, Potter, Assistant City Planner Killeen and Consultant Geoff Steadman.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

Regular Meeting

1. Preparation of Proposed Harbor Management Plan for Adoption by City Council
Mr. Steadman stated all updates have been made, and the dates have been changed to 2018 in the main document. He made three copies of the plan. He will send it out tomorrow by Fed Ex. Mr. Steadman asked if he needs to make copies for all the council members. Mr. Killeen stated we should provide copies for the subcommittee and possibly a link to a digital copy. Commissioner Flynn would like a copy with all the changes that were made before it goes to the Council. Mr. Killeen suggests waiting for the final copy that will be approved by City Council. Commissioner Flynn explained that the copy gets reviewed by the chairman of the council who chooses which committee should review it and then returns to the Council for approval. Mr. Steadman will bring provide copies for all members of the Harbor Management Commission and deliver them to the office next week. He will also check with DEEP to find out when the final copy will be sent back for adoption. Mr. Killeen suggested asking the council for the harbor commission members to be present when they discuss the plan. Mr. Killeen will contact the chair of city council to ask how to proceed and how many copies are needed.

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

Mr. Killeen stated the checks for the funding were sent out last week. He has checked with the City's finance department to be aware that these monies will be coming. Once the money is received, he will make sure the RFP the Commission had previously developed is circulated. He asked how many commission members would like to participate in the RFP process. Mr. Pacapelli indicated that he is interested. There are two sites that the feasibility study will assess, the property to the south of I-95 which is state property and the city's compost site. Commissioner Flynn stated the monies are just for the study and more money needs to be funded to actually build the ramp. Commissioners discussed whether a public hearing should be held to get

feedback from the public. Commissioner Pimer stated if it's built south on the state site he thinks that the soil removed must have to be replaced. Mr. Killeen said the feasibility study will look at those issues.

3. REFERRALS

- a. The City proposes several text changes, affecting Section 2.2 Definitions, Table 39.1, Table 39.2 and Table 62.1 of the West Haven Zoning Regulations to establish the same approval procedure for Places of Assembly and Places of Worship. File # ZR 18-010.

Mr. Killeen stated this referral is for proposed changes to the zoning regulations for places of worship which would be allowed by special permit in a number of Zoning Districts, including the IPD district. The IPD district is one of the districts that have waterfront property and therefore requires a harbor commission review. He suggested this commission reviewed the adult use regulation last month and that there comments on this proposed amendment might be similar to that --- that the Commission sees no direct impact on the Harbor Management Area based on this proposal, but the Commission would comment in the future if there is a proposal on a waterfront property. This regulation treats places of worship the same as the regulation for places of assembly. This regulation could pertain to an existing or new building. This commission will provide input on this application, but it still needs to go to the P & Z. Commissioner McKeon made a motion that the letter of recommendation from March 27 be adapted for this referral and sent to the P&Z Commission, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

- a. Update on Status of Hew Haven Harbor Dredging Project

A meeting was attended by Commissioners Pacapelli and Pimer. The Nature Conservancy is a consultant for the Long Island Sound Blue Plan. This includes any areas of Long Island Sound that has a minimum 10 ft. water depth. This will only affect half of Long Island Sound since New York is part of that. Discussions entailed the interaction with harbor management commissions and New York State and whether this plan will result in any improvements and how it will benefit municipalities. Mr. Steadman explained what the meeting was about and subjects that were discussed such as wind farms, electric corridors, etc. He stated they were not sure what this plan is going to do.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 p.m.

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