

## **MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION AUGUST 7, 2019**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, McKeon, Pimer, Commissioner of Planning and Development Messorre and Assistant City Planner Killeen. Absent was Commissioner Potter.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 5, 2019, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

### Regular Meeting

#### 1. Update on Boat Launching Ramp Feasibility Study

- Report on June Meeting with reps of DOT and DEEP – Mr. Killeen stated a meeting was held with representatives of DOT and DEEP on June 10, and unfortunately it did not go well for using the state property the City had initially been planning on. It was suggested by Joseph Salvatore of the CT Port Authority that the best strategy would be to reconsider using the compost site for the boat launching ramp. One upside is that Joseph Salvatore said he would try to obtain funding to extend the dredging of the West River up to the compost site if the launching ramp goes there. A SHIPP grant application was submitted to the Port Authority in June to seek funds for engineering of the boat ramp facility. The Port Authority may decide on the SHIPP grant awards by mid-September.
- Consideration of Revised Budget from RACE Coastal Engineering – in response to the above meeting, RACE suggested a realignment of the budget under the existing contract to complete the Feasibility Study with a revised focus on the compost facility. The funding that was committed to the geotechnical investigations has been removed from the revised budget, and the funds have been redistributed to planning and permitting, based on a revised budget from Steve Sternberg dated August 2, 2019. Mr. Messorre also had a conversation with Mr. Salvatore regarding the Port Authority staffing changes and whether it would affect the SHIPP grant. He was assured that these changes are just filling vacancies. However, he is supportive of the launching ramp being located on the compost site. Mr. Killeen stated RACE feels comfortable revising the budget for the compost site development, seeking the permits and completing the feasibility study with this revised budget. The overall amount of the budget remains the same but the internal budget is changed. Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the revised RACE budget, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

2. Update on 2019 SHIPP Grant Application – an application has been filed as discussed under the first item of the agenda.

3. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

a. Discussion of Current Conditions at April Street Boat Launching Ramp – Chairman Pacapelli stated every time it rains the boat ramp gets flooded. He met with Mr. McCarthy, Public Works Commissioners who said he would meet with the City Engineer to resolve the situation. Chairman Pacapelli has not heard anything at this time. Mr. Killeen asked if he wanted a letter sent out on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Messore asked Chairman Pacapelli if he would want him to follow up with Commissioner McCarthy and calling a meeting at the boat ramp with public works and engineering. The Commission agreed they would appreciate Mr. Messore's assistance.

Bob Pimer, Harbormaster, stated the conditions at April Street are a safety hazard. He also wanted the Commission to know that the new Fire Boat for the Center District is being used effectively by the Fire Department, and they are spending a good amount of time there.

Wayne Koepke, 174 Ocean Ave., questions the status of the Beach Street elevation project. Mr. Messore explained that funding has been committed for raising Beach Street past the Sewer treatment (Phase I). Two other phases still need funding and would bring the elevated road to Morse Avenue.

b. The Haven – Mr. Messore gave an update on the Haven project, indicating that all State and local approvals have now been granted and the developer should be free to proceed with developing their demolition plans.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 P.M.

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