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### **MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION** **JANUARY 4, 2023**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, in the Harriet North, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:32 PM

**PRESENT:** Commissioners McKeon, Mike Pimer, Bob Pimer, Harbormaster; Potter, Flynn, Jeff Steadman, Consultant, Mark Paine, Public Works and Assistant Planner Conniff. Absent was Commissioner Pacapelli.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

**Reappointments:** Commissioner Mike Pimer and Flynn.

#### **REGULAR MEETING:**

**UI Milvon to West River Railroad Transmission Line:** The Application has submitted the CT DEEP Certificate of Permission Application on behalf of United illuminating Company. The project proposed upgrades will relocate and rebuild the existing 115-KV lines from the bonnets fastened on top of the railroad catenary structures to independent new double -circuit self-supporting steel monopoles, located north of the railroad tracks, mostly within the CT DOT corridor.

Correne Auer, UI and Kevin McNally, consultant, are here to review the project for a certificate of permission. One of the requirements is to provide this commission with the notification of this project. A Powerpoint presentation was shown to the commission. The overall project is to rebuild and relocate the transmission lines. The purpose is to increase mechanical loads and upgrades for safety and liability. Siting Council has been approved. US Army Corp and DEEP permits have been submitted. There will be no proposed activities in the water. A H-frame structure will be removed leaving the concrete base and temporary matting will be used and removed when project is done. The process of the work was also described for protective measures for protected species. The construction will start approximately this summer and take a year. Similar to the work that has been on going from Norwalk towards West Haven. Mr. Pimer inquired about the osprey's nest and if it will be relocated. UI has been working with Audubon and some areas the next will come down and put back. It is on a case-by-case basis. Bob Pimer stated to be aware of dry grasses and to contact the fire department.



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Commissioner Bob Pimer make a recommendation to include Mr. Steadman's remarks and to send a letter DEEP and notify Fire Chief O'Brien stating this project is the under best management practices, seconded by Commissioner Potter and passed.

Bob Pimer – read a draft letter that will be sent to the Republic Town Council and Chief Perno thanking for their support. Commissioner Bob Pimer made a motion to send the letters that were read into the record, seconded by Commissioner Potter and passed.

Commissioner McKeon made a motion to add the following three items to the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Bob Pimer and passed.

Update to Boat Ramp – Ms. Conniff stated numerous emails have been sent and no replies. The last email was to ask to use the money for engineering. Mr. Steadman stated Mr. Salvatore from the Port Authority will be inquiring about how the monies were spent on these grants. To apply for future grants, the city will have to show how these monies were spent. Mr. Steadman reminded the commission that the grant was for a feasibility study for the April St. location. If this location is not doable, and there are any monies left over, they can't be repurposed to another project. Ms. Conniff stated another feasibility study may need to be done to look for another location,

Update to New Haven Harbor Dredging Project – Commissioners discussed when and where this project will begin. Easements will have to be given. Mr. Steadman suggested sending a letter to the Army Corp and request their presence at a meeting to describe the dredging. Commissioner McKeon made a motion to send a letter to the project manager of the Army Corps, DEEP and CT Port Authority, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Update from Mr. Steadman on Harbor Management Court Case – this case started with a dock application in Greenwich. Mr. Steadman gave the commission the details of the lawsuit and the appeal which diminished the role of the harbor management commission. Town of Greenwich filed the case with the Supreme Court which indicate Harbor Management Commissions have no weight with DEEP.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49. P.M.

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