

**MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION  
APRIL 6, 2022**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2022 in Harriet North, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Flynn, McKeon, Potter, Pimer, Planning Director Soto, Steve Hotchkiss, ZEO, Mark Paine, Director Parks & Recreation and Jeff Steadman, Consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner McKeon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2022 as amended, seconded by Commissioner Potter and passed.

Commissioner McKeon made a motion to amend the agenda to add Lake St., seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Regular Meeting

Lake Street Beach – Mark Paine reported that he discussed with Robin Parsons regarding stormwater management. Ms. Parsons thought some of this might be applicable to Lake St. but he explained that there is not enough of a change in elevation from the top of the street to the bottom. The issue at Lake St. is the infrastructure downstream. Mr. Soto spoke to Abdul Quadhir and he has submitted to the state delegation for bonded funds for \$2.5 million for repairs. This would include \$1.2 million for the outflow pipe on Lake St., outflow pipe on South St., culvert clean out on Woodmont Rd. and storm drainage work on Fairview Ave. Mr. Paine stated the Harbor Management Plan suggests implementing a sand management plan for the beaches. A lot of the outflows are due from the washing of sand.

Boat ramp -

Mr. Soto stated there was a conference call with DOT and there are two issues with the compost site to be turned over to the city. The city never obtained an encroachment agreement to access the compost site. DOT would like also like the deed amended to include the boat ramp use. They have a problem with the language in the deed that states used for municipal purposes. Joe Salvatore from Port Authority stated before moving on with the second grant he would like these issues resolved. The city engineer, Abdul Quadhir, thought this was in the deed. Corporation Counsel will review this. Mr. Steadman stated Mr. Salvatore is concerned whether the city can get approval from DOT to access to this property and whether the city is committed to this project by acceptance of the second grant. Mr. Salvatore would like to have a meeting to discuss the project and whether it will be moving forward. Progress needs to be made to be able to apply for future grants. Commission discussed the easement language in the deed and the definition of municipal purposes. Mr. Soto will try to discuss this issue with Corporation Counsel Lee Tiernan to clarify the deed language and whether it provides the encroachment agreement. If not, the agreement needs to happen and the deed will need to be amended. Mr. Soto stated that a response should be sent to Mr. Salvatore within the next week to indicate that the city is still interested in going forward but it's up to DOT and to find out how

long the city has to accept the grant. The deed work may have to be done in house to speed up the process. Regarding the piece under the highway, when the easements were transferred from DEEP to the city the piece under the highway supposedly did not.

Harbormaster report – Reminders that boats need to be brought up to safety measures. Fire extinguishers have been changed. Mr. Paine told Mr. Pimer that space is available for Safe Water or Boating courses.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:22 p.m.

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