

**MEETING MINUTES OF WEST HAVEN**  
**HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**AUGUST 4, 2021**

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 4, 2020, seconded by Commissioner McKeon and passed.

Regular Meeting

1. Update on Boat Launching Ramp Feasibility Study
  - a) Site Plan – Steve Sternberg, consultant, gave an overview on the boat ramp revised site plan to be located at the compost site. Discussions were held in April with DEP, DOT and Army Corp of Engineers and a revised concept plan was devised. There is unavoidable wetland impact which was not agreeable to the state. Discussions are continuing regarding mitigation work in order to reach an agreement with DEEP so permitting can be applied for.
  - b) Wetland creation Project – A wetlands concept plan is being devised at the Cove River in conjunction with DEEP..
2. Update on 2019 SHIPP Grant Application
  - a) Approval of \$184,000 for Engineering Grant by Bond Commission – Mr. Killeen stated the Port Authority has approved the allocation of funds in May. West Haven was approved for \$184,000 for the engineering phase of the project and an agreement was sent to the Mayor and Corporation Counsel for execution.
3. Discussion of Reclaiming Sand Erosion on Beaches
  - a) Capital Request for Sand Management program - continued
  - b) Condition of Beach at end of Prospect Avenue? - continued
  - c) Beach Nourishment Project along Beach Street – Ms. Conniff read a letter from City Engineer Quadhir indicating beach nourishment in front of Chick’s. A grant has been approved for \$360,000.
4. Update on Harbor Management Commission challenges in CT - Geoffrey Steadman – Mr. Steadman explained a court challenge in Greenwich regarding a permitting issue between neighbors. The judge’s decision was that Harbor Management Commissions have no authority regarding DEEP permits. Mr. Killeen suggests this commission passing a motion so West Haven can voice their support. A motion will be drafted and presented at the next meeting.

5. Status of new Haven Harbor Improvement Project

- a) Sandy Point Wetlands Creation Project – Feasibility study is completed and the next step is design and engineering. Federal funds have been approved to be matched by the State of CT. Possible project dated 2023-2024. Commissioner Pacapelli stated if the rock is being blasted the rock should be placed on jetty.

6. Reports of Staff and Commissioners – Commissioner McKeon stated if the city gets permission sand is needed on Lake St.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 p.m.

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