

MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 6, 2019

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, McKeon, Flynn, Potter, Pimer, Commissioner of Planning and Development Messoro, Assistant City Planner Killeen, Public Works Liaison Paine and Consultant Geoff Steadman.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner McKeon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of September 4, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Regular Meeting

1. Update on Boat Launching Ramp Feasibility Study
 - a. Revised schedule from RACE Coastal Consultants – Mr. Killeen stated the boundary survey needed to be completed and the sub consultant was not able to complete it until last week. A conceptual site plan on the compost plan will be prepared later this month. Mr. Killeen suggested the January 2, 2020 meeting for RACE to come and address the commission since there is no meeting in December. Mr. Paine suggested the commission look at the possibility of moving the compost site somewhere else such as North End Park off of First Avenue and using Helm Street property as a transfer station. Mr. Killeen stated the commission should wait for the feasibility study. Commissioner Messoro reminded the commission that the city does not own the compost site. It is leased by the State.
2. Update on 2019 SHIPP Grant Application – Mr. Steadman has attended meetings at the CT Port Authority. During the October meeting, Mr. Salvatore from the Port Authority, was prepared to make a recommendation for funds by the Port Authority. The Acting Chairman Mr. Kooris asked Mr. Salvatore to postpone his report since the Agency was in the middle of a reorganization. The Port Authority does not have the authority to seek bond funds due to an ongoing audit. A search is on for a new executive director. Mr. Steadman informed the commission that funds would not be released until next year, if approved by the Governor. Mr. Killeen commented that, since the City is still involved in completing the Feasibility Study and seeking permits from DEEP and the Corps of Engineers, this should not be a problem for West Haven.
3. Schedule of Harbor Management Commission Meetings 2020 – Commissioner McKeon made a motion to accept the schedule for 2020 as distributed but removing the July meeting from the list, seconded by Commissioner Pacapelli and passed.

4. REFERRAL

- a) 2 Orange Avenue – Splash Management, Inc. -- File # SP 19-047; SR 19-048; and CSPR 19-049

Applicant proposes to make site improvements, to add 24 new vacuum stalls, and to modify traffic circulation of an existing car wash facility located in the Regional Business (RB) District and within the Coastal Area Management Boundary, pursuant to Sections 71, 75, and 85 of the West Haven Zoning Regulations.

This is a referral for modifications to the parking lot and internal circulation drives and the relocation of 13 vacuum stations and to add additional vacuums for a total of 24. Mr. Killeen asked the commission if they would like to obtain comments from City Engineer Quadhir. Mr. Killeen circulated a previous set of comments prepared by the Commission on a similar project for this location in 2017 and will revise the referral as discussed and send it to the commissioners for their review. Commissioner McKeon made a motion that the comments be edited to include potential adverse impacts with respect to oil runoff and to assure there is an ongoing maintenance plan for the stormwater system, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS

- a. Update on April Street Boat Ramp – Mr. Paine stated millings have been brought down and drainage has been improved. He would like to see asphalt put down and regrade the parking

- b. Blue Plan – Mr. Steadman stated the Plan has been prepared and submitted to the Legislation for approval in February. The Harbor Management Association has been asked to do the mapping for this Plan. He is also expecting there will be additional language recognizing the need to coordinate the recommendations of the Blue Plan with local Harbor Management Plans where they exist.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

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