

# LONG BEACH WEST BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

March 21, 2012

The Mayor's Long Beach West Blue Ribbon Commission conducted a meeting on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

**Commission Members in Attendance** - Chairman Patrick Gribbon, Morgan Kaolian, Marcia Stewart, John Zbell, Devin Santa, Milan Bull; Non-voting members Brian Carey - Conservation Officer, Carol Szymanski – DEEP, Capt. Joseph McNeil - Stratford Police

**Commission Members Absent** - Edward Scinto; Non-voting members: Sharon Marino & Andrew French - US Fish & Wildlife

**Others in Attendance** — Residents Walter and Rita Rimkunas, *Stratford Patch* Editor, Ms. Kasenhauser, Bob Connolly, Greg Cann, Mary Young

**Documents distributed during meeting:**

- (1) Resolution re: Long Beach West Priority List – submitted by Lordship Improvement Association
- (2) Recommendations of the Mayor's Long Beach West Blue Ribbon Commission

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Gribbon called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes** — February 22, 2012

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ZBELL SECONDED BY MS. STEWART TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Correspondence**

- a. Lordship Improvement Association — At the March 2, 2012 meeting, the LIA Board of Governors approved a resolution re: proposals for Long Beach West
- b. John Zbell — Mr. Gribbon read Mr. Zbell's previously e-mailed comments.
- c. USFW/lease from last handout — Mr. Bull summarized the written comments as follows: USFW's options are: (1) total purchase of Long Beach West, (2) purchase of a conservation easement (3) Purchase of a lease with a 30-day trial.

4. **Committee Reports/Reviews** — Approval of:

- a. Proposed Stewardship Vision — discussion ensued re: paragraph #2 of page 1. Various Blue Ribbon Commission members do not represent the Commission/Organization to which they are identified.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. SANTA SECONDED BY MR. BULL TO REMOVE THE WORD “REPRESENTING” UNLESS THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION MEMBER IS SPECIFICALLY REPRESENTING THE BODY TO WHICH HE/SHE IS IDENTIFIED. THE MOTION TO REMOVE PASSED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

- b. Strategy for achievement — The above-cited portion of the document was reviewed.
- c. Consensus & Endorsement — The above-cited portion of the document was reviewed. Mr. Gribbon will repaginate the document.
- d. Implementation-18 established priorities. Priority #9, Construct a 1320’ Boardwalk similar to the new Milford walkway, designed to accommodate all ages and abilities with ADA approvals, was reviewed and subsequently discussed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BULL SECONDED BY MR. SANTA TO AMEND THE VERBIAGE OF PRIORITY #9 AS FOLLOWS: Construct an ~~1320’~~ appropriate Boardwalk ~~similar to the new Milford walkway, as approved by regulatory agencies for height, length and width~~ designed to accommodate all ages and abilities with ADA approvals. THE MOTION FAILED WITH 3 IN FAVOR AND 3 OPPOSED.

After additional discussion of the standing language of priority #9 in relation to what constitutes a similarity to Milford’s boardwalk; construction material, type of construction, or dimensions; A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. BULL SECONDED BY MR. SANTA TO AMEND THE VERBIAGE OF PRIORITY #9 AS FOLLOWS: Construct a 1320’ Boardwalk of appropriate width designed to accommodate all ages and abilities in accordance with ADA approvals guidelines (similar to the new walkway in Milford). THE MOTION PASSED WITH 4 IN FAVOR AND 2 OPPOSED.

Mr. Gribbon will also delete the vote numbering at the end of each priority.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KAOLIAN SECONDED BY MR. SANTA TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE-CITED DOCUMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MAYOR’S LONG BEACH WEST BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WITH THE ABOVE-MENTIONED AMENDMENTS RE: PAGE 2 PARAGRAPH 1, PRIORITY #9, DOCUMENT RE-PAGINATION AND DELETING THE NUMBERING AT THE END OF EACH PRIORITY. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 IN FAVOR AND 1, MS. STEWART, OPPOSED.

- 5. **Old Business and 6. New Business** — None
- 7. **Other** – Mr. Gribbon may call an additional meeting.
- 8. **Adjournment** - There being no other matters to discuss, Mr. Gribbon entertained a motion to adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. STEWART SECONDED BY MR. ZBELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral - Secretary