

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: At 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Edward Scinto

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Edward Scinto, Scott Corner, Bill Rock, Thomas Gloersen, Thomas Logan, Frank Stirna, Patrick Gribbon, Thomas G. Cotter, Henry Halverson, Alan Minter

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Thomas Cotter, Richard Fredette, James Tucciarone

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED DURING MEETING

- Map of Point-No-Point, Stratford, CT – proposed nearshore disposal site
- Balance sheet – 3/10/2015 – Harbor management fund

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the minutes of Feb. 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Minter. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS

CoP re: retain repairs and modification to pier in the Housatonic River. Address of applicant, 348 Housatonic Ave. Agent for applicant: John Hilts, Rowayton, CT. Neither Mr. Sams (current owner) nor Mr. Hilts (agent) were present for this meeting.

Mr. Steadman stated that this property is the same as the former Blackwelder property. On Jan. 11, 2006, Mr. Blackwelder presented applications and a letter of approval from ACOE and tentative approval from DEP. ACOE moved the dock to the center of the property. It was noted the dock placement in the two applications was inconsistent. In March 8, 2006, the project was approved with the stipulation to provide for running water, electricity and lights.

The pier was repaired following Hurricane Sandy. DEEP/OLISP issued a “Notice of non-compliance” for 348 Housatonic Avenue for unauthorized repairs to dock on Nov. 25, 2014. Mr. Steadman will check what was previously approved for this property.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MINTER SECONDED BY MR. ROCK TO AUTHORIZE MR. STEADMAN TO:

- SEND A LETTER TO DEEP REFERENCING THE PROPERTY HISTORY AND STATING THAT THE APPLICANT WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THIS MEETING
- TABLE THE ITEM.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CORRESPONDENCE — None5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Plans and Recommendations - Mr. Gribbon stated that BSC Group signed the contract. The Group will take a walking tour of Long Beach.
- b. Dredging Update – An application to DEEP was made by a company in Stamford (Dolphin Cove) for use of the dredging disposal site that has been designated for Stratford – Point-No-Point. DEEP allowed the request. Discussion continued re: the impact to Stratford Coastal areas.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ROCK, SECONDED BY MR. GRIBBON TO AUTHORIZE MR. STEADMAN TO SEND A LETTER TO DEEP ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF THEIR DECISION AND TO SHARE OUR VALID CONCERNS, REFERENCING OUR HARBOR PLAN. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Vessel Maintenance —Mr. Gloersen reported that he attended Town Council meeting on March 9 to lend support to the grant for funds for the pumpout vessel. He is awaiting response from the mayoral staff. The harbor master's boat may be ready for launching by April 1.
- d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported that he observed the damage from the winter ice – a ramp is sideways and sagging. Docks in Shelton were so damaged should they break loose, they will float down the river. He will purchase an electric bubble system for next winter.
- e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reviewed the above-cited report indicating total revenues of 12,537.00 and expenses 30,548.57. Mr. Gribbon will distribute the new seasonal and day Parking and Lunching permits. He created a mock-up non-enforceable parking violation ticket. Tickets will be given to vehicles w/o launching permits just for the purpose of a polite warning and perhaps generate some revenue. The ticket will display Mr. Hatfield's name and phone number. Signs are posted at the ramp as to where permits can be purchased. Approx. cost for packet of tickets - \$45.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GRIBBON, SECONDED BY MR. LOGAN TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PARKING VIOLATION TICKET PROGRAM. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 1 NO VOTE (MR. ROCK).

- f. Information and Technology – No new information.
- g. Special Events —Mr. Corner noted Boat Show/Tag Sale will be held on May 9th.
- h. Municipal Pier – No new information

- i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — No report.
 - j. Birdseye concession subcommittee —Mr. Donaldson was not in attendance. It was proposed for a 20x40 concrete slab with handicapped access to be constructed in the concession area for picnic tables and seats/benches. The food truck will go behind the slab. Mr. Stirna will contact the concessioner, Mr. Donaldson.
 - k. No wake Zone — signage — No new information.
 - l. State and Regional Organizations - Mr. Rock, as representative to CT Harbor Management Association, conveyed Stratford Waterfront Harbor Management Commission's concerns to our State legislators re: CT Port Authority and how Stratford is potentially affected.
 - m. Shore Road 10-year plan — The Greenway Committee is working on a plan.
 - n. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — No report.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported:
- Ice is breaking up in the River
 - The Coast Guard is checking on buoy markers.
 - The tattered flag on the sign at Birdseye ramp was removed and discarded.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Breakwater Key Launching Ramp — The chain across the boat launching ramp will be removed this week.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Coastal Resiliency study— function is perform a town-wide coastal study which would look at coastal flooding and erosion, identify critical risks areas and projects, and make recommendations for the best way to repair, enhance, protect and otherwise improve our coastline and to withstand the impacts of the sea. Mr. Steadman will serve as a member of the study group.

9. OTHER BUSINESS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT — There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Gribbon made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corner and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral, Secretary