

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: At 7:32 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Edward Scinto

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Alan Minter, James Tucciarone, Frank Stirna, Richard Fredette,

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield, Scout Chris Coughlin, Resident/guest Rob Sciuto

DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED:

- August balance sheet

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gribbon. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS

CoP – CTDOT re: Runway safety area improvements at Sikorsky Airport, including relocation of Precision Approach path Indicator (PAPI) runway approach lighting and removal of an electrical panel.

The Commission discussed the minor changes to the runway safety area. The CoP was approved by consensus.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Steadman reported follow-up to the letter sent to DEEP re: Knapps Landing Restaurant for authorization for repair of failed riprap slope. He said that DEEP shared the same concerns as SWFHMC: (1) authorization of after-the-fact permits, (2) uncertain if any penalties were issued to either of the projects (3) not notified of violations, (4) there is no indication that plans were approved by a certified engineer. DEEP requested additional information.

WAIVER OF RULES OF ORDER

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ROCK SECONDED BY MR. COTTER TO WAIVE THE RULES OF ORDER TO TAKE AN OLD BUSINESS ITEM, “EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT” OUT OF ORDER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Eagle Scout Project — Boy Scout Chris Coughlin was in attendance. He will erect 3 signs at three separate locations: Sniffens Lane, Bonds dock, Longbeach. He would also like to

organize beach cleanup and/or enhance public access to waterways to accumulate additional hours toward his Eagle Scout award. He will return with a plan. The subcommittee to review the plan consists of: Messrs. Cotter, Steadman and Hatfield.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Plans and Recommendations - Mr. Gribbon reported that BSC Group sent a revision to the proposal.
- b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock reported that dredging is in the hands of ACoE. Dredging at SAEP will have to be pumped and shipped inland. No plan has been drawn up or has testing begun with SAEP or Bridgeport. When dredging takes place, the dredged area will have to be replaced with like amount of clean fill.
- c. Vessel Maintenance — Mr. Gloersen reported the lower unit of the pumpout boat was lost. An employee will be replaced next year. He submitted the grant to DEEP for next year.
- d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported. The ramp has been extremely busy. The Coast Guard building dock was discussed. Certain tides hinder boats from entering the area. The proposal presentation for Birdseye concession pad, previously forwarded from RACE Coastal Engineers, has been postponed. Alternate locations for the concession truck, such as the fishing pier area, were discussed.
- e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reviewed the above-cited report. The total fund balance is \$151,553.30. The Riverlights charity donation check has been sent to “Save-the-Children Federation”.
- f. Information and Technology – No new information.
- g. Special Events — Riverlights. All necessary paperwork has been processed. Mr. Hatfield reported that the Mayor of Milford will be a judge for the event.
- h. Municipal Pier — No report.
- i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — Most dock users report that the metal guard rails are not attractive. Shell fishermen and others find it a hindrance to use. Mr. Gribbon pointed out that the dock is of Historical significance – initially built in the 1600s. Mr. Cotter will compose a letter to be sent to Mr. McCarthy, Director of Public Works re: authority to repair dock by erecting guard rails,

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GLOERSEN, SECONDED BY MR. COTTER TO SEND A LETTER TO PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR EXPRESSING CONCERN AND REQUESTING ABOVE INFORMATION.

- j. Birdseye concession subcommittee — No report.

- k. No wake Zone — No report.
 - l. State and Regional Organizations — No report.
 - m. Shore Road 10-year plan — Mr. Hatfield reported that the potholes have been repaired.
 - n. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — No report.
 - o. CT Port Authority — No report.
 - p. Coastal Resiliency study — No report.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported:
- Boat hit part of a dock.
 - Seaweed Farm permit
 - Experiment is taking place in the marsh re: oyster renumeration.
 - Complaint re: speeding police boat
 - *Coastal Angler* magazine wants to write an article in relation to geese hunting.
 - An incident of a child tubing on the River and separating from a boat that was towing him took place.
7. OLD BUSINESS — Eagle Scout project reported above.
8. NEW BUSINESS — None
9. OTHER BUSINESS
- Mr. Corner Motioned, seconded by Mr. Gloersen to place an eight-foot high fence at the shoreline at Short Beach. No action was taken.
10. ADJOURNMENT — There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Logan made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary