

**WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 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 Logan, Patrick Gribbon, Henry Halverson, Thomas Gloersen, Alan Minter, Thomas G. Cotter, James Tucciarone, Frank Stirna

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED: December 2015 balance sheet

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Tucciarone made a motion to approve the minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of October 14, 2015 and special meetings of Nov. 12 and Dec. 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gloersen. The motion carried unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS

- A. Gary Tenk, 586 Bridgeview Place. Replacement of existing pier and installation of a seasonal ramp and float. Jim Whitcome represented the permitting agent, John Lust. Predistributed documents included: Site location map, assessor map, existing conditions, proposed improvements, section views. Questions were posed to Mr. Whitcome. The pre-1980 pier will be replaced to a standard fixed pier. Commission members pointed out that the proposed new pier would extend into the apparent littoral area of the adjoining property owner and as such would be inconsistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Whitcome agreed and will submit amended plans showing the proposed pier set back at least 25 feet from the property line.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ROCK, SECONDED BY MR. LOGAN TO TABLE ACTION ON THE PROPOSAL PENDING SUBMITTAL OF AMENDED PLANS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- B. Mary and Tom Lanese, 406 Bridgeview Place. Authorization for construction of new fixed pier and seasonal ramp and float. Jim Whitcome represented the permitting agent, John Lust. Predistributed documents included: Site location map, assessor map, existing conditions, proposed improvements, section views. Questions were posed to Mr. Whitcome. There is no existing dock.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. COTTER, SECONDED BY MR. TUCCIARONE TO FIND NO OBJECTION TO INCLUSION OF THE PLAN IN A PERMIT APPLICATION TO THE DEEP AND TO RESERVE THE COMMISSION'S RIGHT TO DETERMINE CONSISTENCY WITH THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT PLAN AT SUCH TIME AS THE APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO A PUBLIC NOTICE OR HEARING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. CORRESPONDENCE — a paperweight arrived from “Swim-Across-the-sound”
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. Plans and Recommendations - Mr. Gribbon reported that BSC Group’s proposal for Longbeach West will be presented at next month’s meeting.
  - b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock reported that he will be meeting with DEEP and ACoE to identify areas needing dredging.
  - c. Vessel Maintenance —Mr. Gloersen reported that the grant application was submitted. This year 46,000 gals. of sludge/waste were prevented from entering the waters.
  - d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported the flagpole (20 years old) was down due to the wind. He reported dock issues; they were never repaired. Discussion continued re: initial authorization of constructing/repairing docks; cost of repair.
  - e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reviewed the above-cited December balance sheet. Questions/discussions re: check from the concession truck; liabilities from general fund. The budget subcommittee consists of: Tom Gloersen, Pat Gribbon, Tom Cotter, Scott Corner.
  - f. Information and Technology – Mr. Minter reported that the website needs to be overhauled.
  - g. Special Events — None
  - h. Municipal Pier — Mr. Rock reported. Pier is on hold.
  - i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — New trash receptacles have not been placed.
  - j. Birdseye concession subcommittee — The Chowder Spot will resume business for the next season at the Birdseye launching ramp.
  - k. No wake Zone — No new information.
  - l. State and Regional Organizations — No report.
  - m. Shore Road 10-year plan — Potholes in Shore Road.
  - n. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — Mr. Steadman reported that the group conducting the Coastal Resiliency study has not contacted WFHM Commission member although it was requested of them and they said they would do so. Mr. Steadman will contact Town Engineer John Casey to inquire the status of the study.

- o. CT Port Authority — No action from the Authority.
  - p. Coastal Resiliency study — Mr. Steadman will forward a letter to inquire of the status of the study.
  - q. Eagle Scout project — The scout abandoned the project.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported:
- Devon power plant remediation project; backfilling the river.
  - Geotubes: Mr. Steadman explained their use for decontaminating and dewatering as part of the remediation plan.
7. OLD BUSINESS — None.
8. NEW BUSINESS — None
9. OTHER BUSINESS — None
10. ADJOURNMENT — There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gloersen and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary