

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 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, Jonathan Ackley, Thomas Galvin Cotter, David Salik

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield, Chowder Spot Concessionaire Jeff Donaldson, Deputy Fire Chief Jon Gottfried

DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED:

- April 2016 balance sheet – distributed by Mr. Gribbon.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Cotter made a motion to approve the minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of April 13, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and passed unanimously.

Waiver of Rules of Order — A motion was made by Mr. Corner, seconded by Mr. Logan to waive the Rules of Order to take the New Business item out of order. The motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Request from Stratford Fire Dept. to allow and/or support plan to dock the vessel (33 ft. fire rescue boat), marine 233 at the north dock of the Birdseye boat ramp near the fishing pier.

Mr. Gottfried presented a brief background and capability features of the vessel. He said that the fire rescue vessel is temporarily docked at Brewers Marina. Questions were posed to Mr. Gottfried. Permitting process, lack of electrical power and water in the area of question was discussed.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. CORNER, SECONDED BY MR. LOGAN TO HAVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE HIRE A CONSULTANT AND CARRY OUT THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THIS PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Members of the subcommittee: Mr. Gloersen, Mr. Corner, and Mr. Ackley. (AN AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MONTH)

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS — None

4. CORRESPONDENCE — None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Waiver of Rules of Order — A motion was made by Mr. Corner, seconded by Mr. Logan to waive the Rules of Order to take item 5.B. out of order. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock reported the history of Housatonic dredging, past project, dredged materials, degree of dredging, scope and phase of project. Discussed: impact on shellfish area, stipulations, schedule of project, permitting process.

Mr. Rock motioned, seconded by Mr. Cotter to find the maintenance dredging of the Housatonic River Federal navigation channel consistent with the SWHMC Harbor Management Plan and support for the CT Bureau of Aquaculture's recommendations to minimize the impact on the Oyster industry and encourage and support the plan to dredge the channel. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Plans and Recommendations – No report
- c. Vessel Maintenance — Mr. Corner reported for Mr. Gloersen. There have been no results for hiring another employee. Since the job has gone out to bid, another employee has resigned; therefore we are down 2 employees. A new search will begin.
- d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported. Employee Joe will begin next week. The flag pole was installed.

Mr. Scinto appoints Mr. Rock as temporary Chairman. Mr. Rock assumes the Chair.

- e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reviewed the above-cited balance sheet.
- f. Information and Technology – No report.
- g. Special Events — Mr. Logan reported that the Boat show and tag sale will take place May 14 at the launching ramp.
- h. Municipal Pier — No report.
- i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — No report.
- j. Birdseye concession subcommittee — Mr. Donaldson, Chowder Spot Concessionaire at the Birdseye launching ramp, reported that he will have a soft opening on May 12. After May 15 he will be open Tuesday-Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday he will be open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. He reported that garbage cans and port-o-lets are needed at the ramp.

- k. No wake Zone — Item stricken from the agenda.
 - l. State and Regional Organizations — Messrs. Rock and Steadman reported on the CT Port of Authority and CT.H.M.A.'s new director.
 - m. Shore Road — No report.
 - n. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — No report.
 - o. CT Port Authority — Item stricken from the agenda.
 - p. Coastal Resiliency study — Mr. Steadman reported the status of the reef-ball project. New reef balls will be installed. Dialog took place re: aesthetics of our Shoreline, effectiveness of reef balls for restoring eroded areas, slowing down erosion.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported on the Housatonic River clean-up which took place Saturday, May 7. He mentioned that Deputy Harbor Master, Tim Brennan, is on medical leave.
7. OLD BUSINESS — None.
8. NEW BUSINESS — Previously discussed.
9. OTHER BUSINESS — None
10. ADJOURNMENT — There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Corner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ackley and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary