

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AMENDED* MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 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 pro-tem Bill Rock
COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Scott Corner, Bill Rock, Thomas Logan, Patrick Gribbon, Jonathan Ackley, Thomas Galvin Cotter
OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield, Chowder Spot Concessionaire Jeff Donaldson, Resident Pauline Dory
DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED: May 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 May 11, 2016 to include Mr. Rock’s amendment re: Port of Authority has new director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Corner and passed unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS — None

4. CORRESPONDENCE — None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - a. Plans and Recommendations – Discussion included DEEP’s responsibility to maintain beaches by providing assistance for beach nourishment for Long Beach. Mr. Cotter stated that, per regulations, the life guard chairs at Long Beach should be 100 yards apart but they are not.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. COTTER, SECONDED BY MR. CORNER TO SEND A LETTER TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO PLACE LIFEGUARD CHAIRS 100 YARDS APART PER REGULATIONS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

 - b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock reported that the current dredging plans remain on course. The funding is provided by the State. The ACoE will go out to bid seeking a private company to conduct the dredging. 14 shellfish business are currently moving oysters out of the river in anticipation of the dredging. Mr. Steadman spoke of the resource management project by the CT Bureau of Aquaculture conducting a survey of oyster sources in the river mapping of the oyster beds. Oysters will be stored in Bridgeport (near Pleasure Beach) while the dredging takes place. Dredging will begin October 1.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. COTTER, SECONDED BY MR. LOGAN TO DIRECT MR. STEADMAN TO SEND A LETTER TO THE CT BUREAU OF AQUACULTURE IN SUPPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- c. Vessel Maintenance —Mr. Corner reported for Mr. Gloersen. The new motor is on the boat. The boat is about 15 years old and has *transome issues. An offer of \$2,000.00 was received for the old motor or it can go out for bid. The contract for the vessel was signed on June 8. The new operator has not yet started.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. COTTER, SECONDED BY MR. LOGAN TO SELL THE MOTOR FOR \$2,000.00 TO THE PERSON WHO MADE THE OFFER. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported. Employee Joe started. He power washed and performed other duties. More garbage cans were ordered – recepticles with tops that cannot be removed easily. Fireworks will take place on July 1 (rain date of July 5). A police officer will be retained for the event; as in the past.
- e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reviewed the above-cited balance sheet. Questions were posed to Mr. Gribbon.
- f. Information and Technology – No report.
- g. Special Events — Mr. Logan reported on the May 14 tag sale at the ramp. He commented that there were no port-o-lets and much trash remained. There were 10 venders, 2 companies, Hitchcock Marina, Dock Shopping center
- h. Municipal Pier — No report.
- i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — Resident Pauling Dory expressed her concerns: The handicapped parking places need restoration and it is difficult to fish when the shell fisherman unload their vessels.
- j. Birdseye concession subcommittee — Mr. Donaldson, Chowder Spot Concessionaire at the Birdseye launching ramp, was not present for this sector of the meeting. Discussion of the subject included: the concession is not open regularly; the truck is missing from time to time, inconsistent hours of operation even though he said he would be opened regularly after May 15. Mr. Gribbon will handle the issues of the aquarion water bill and other utility bills.
- k. State and Regional Organizations — CT.H.M.A. will hold a meeting July 15.
- l. Shore Road — No report.
- m. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — No report.

- n. Coastal Resiliency study — No report of the Planning Commission's seminar.
 - o. Fire Rescue Vessel subcommittee — Mr. Corner said that a copy of the plan for the new existing pier is needed.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported. The boat is running fine. Unlit kayaks have been spotted on the river at night. There still is debris in the River. He told of the AcoE's plans for repair under the bridge.
7. OLD BUSINESS — None.
8. NEW BUSINESS — None
9. OTHER BUSINESS — Mr. Steadman circulated photos of the reef balls. There are 62 of them. Their function is supposed to keep erosion down and promote wildlife growth. Sacred Heart plans to place more on the north side and must submit an application to DEEP.
10. ADJOURNMENT — There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Corner made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotter and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary