

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 14, 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 Ed Scinto

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Edward Scinto, Scott Corner, Bill Rock, Thomas Logan, Thomas Galvin Cotter, Thomas Gloersen, Patrick Gribbon, Jonathan Ackley, Reese Mitchell, Henry Halverson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the minutes of regularly scheduled meeting of August 10, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell and passed unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS — None

4. CORRESPONDENCE — The Indemnity agreement for the Riverlights events was received.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Plans and Recommendations – Mr. Gribbon reported that the sign for Bonds dock will be put up; the Sikorski and Long Beach signs will be ordered.

b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock reported that the current dredging plans are on target. ACoE needs to send out the bid letter, all permits were approved, all agreements are in order, the public has been informed. 75-100 cubic yards a month will be dredged. Had this project not gone forward this dredging season, \$10,200,000 would be directed to other projects. Mr. Steadman contributed additional facts and information of the project re: history, scheduling, bird monitoring, use for the dredged material. Mr. Rock composed a letter to be sent to ACoE and Port of Authority officials to reaffirm support for moving forward with the project and express continued appreciation for efforts to plan and implement the project.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. COTTER SECONDED BY MR. CORNER TO SEND THE ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING THE PROJECT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Vessel Maintenance —Mr. Gloersen reported. The vessel is working and running. Water issues have been resolved.

- d. Ramp Maintenance – Mr. Corner reported a very active ramp season. The dock that was removed during the storm has been put back in the water. Parking lot potholes and cracks need to be sealed. More port-o-lets are needed.
- e. Finance — Mr. Gribbon reported. July and August 2016 income is better than last year during July and August 2015; expenses are a little higher. Discussion ensued re: Chowder Spot concessioner’s sale of ramp-use permits, Chowder Spot contract/lease is up for renewal in October.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. GLOERSEN, SECONDED BY MR. GRIBBON TO INVITE THE TOWN ATTORNEY AND MR. DONALDSON TO THE NEXT MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. Information and Technology – No report.
 - g. Special Events — No new events.
 - h. Municipal Pier — Project is on the “back-burner” until Port of Authority Official visit Port/Harbor communities.
 - i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — Mr. Scinto reported that the dock has been busy. The area sanitation needs to be improved.
 - j. Birdseye concession subcommittee — Previously discussed.
 - k. State and Regional Organizations — Messrs. Rock and Steadman are members of CHMA. They reported that a “wish list” is being prepared to present to the Port of Authority.
 - l. Shore Road — No new information.
 - m. Review/Study/Update Harbor Management Plan subcommittee — No report.
 - n. Coastal Resiliency study — No new information.
 - o. Fire Rescue Vessel subcommittee — No new information.
6. HARBORMASTER REPORT – Mr. Hatfield reported:
The Lewis’ Gut proposed mooring has been abandoned due to the existence of oyster beds, breakwater will be done next year, Riverlights event will take place at dead-low tide (unsafe).
7. OLD BUSINESS — None
8. NEW BUSINESS — None

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Cabral, Secretary