

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, in room 213 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06615 pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Due to work obligation of Mr. Scinto, Mr. Gloersen will Chair the meeting

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Administrator Geoff Steadman, Harbormaster Ross Hatfield, Town Attorney Bruce Jackson

ABSENT: David Salik, James Tucciarone

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of September 14, 2016 with the addition that absences will be listed on minutes in the future. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and passed unanimously.

3. PERMITS AND REVIEWS — None

4. CORRESPONDENCE — None

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Gribbon made a motion to take Item J. Birdseye Concession Sub-committee out of order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotter. The motion carried unanimously.

Birdseye concession subcommittee — Contract up for renewal – Attorney Jackson noted contract ran from April 15th to October 15th and also noted weather permitting failure to open can lead to termination of agreement. Mr. Gribbon informed the Commission that there is an issue with hours of operation and missing money and stickers. Commissioners discussed procedures for selling passes at ramp by other vendors.

Mr. Donaldson, proprietor of Chowder Spot, relayed to the Commission that he is still trying to determine who took money and stickers. He also noted he is working with the Police Department who is questioning employees. Mr. Gribbon distributed “Financial List for Chowder Pot” and noted outstanding money is Chowder Pot’s responsibility.

Mr. Gloersen believes Mr. Donaldson has a financial obligation for the missing monies. Mr. Donaldson agrees but believes amount missing is only \$125. Mr. Donaldson also informed the Commission that he has no problem selling the stickers. Mr. Gloersen also noted that the concession stand is not open as much as agreed upon. Mr. Donaldson discussed problems with garbage and toilet facilities. Commissioners discussed contract for cleaning of toilet at dock and Public Works responsibility for garbage.

Mr. Fossesigurano, 37 Pond Street, Milford spoke favorably for the Chowder Spot and Mr. Donaldson.

Mr. Cotter made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gribbon. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting resumed at 8:45 p.m.

Based on discussion, Mr. Cotter made a motion to terminate contract recognizing a breach and monies owed to the Town of Stratford. The motion was seconded by Mr. Halverson. Commissioners discussed bidding process, recommended work hours, \$695 due the Town and noting this is not a firing but an ending of the contract. The motion carried 4-3 to terminate the contract with Mr. Rock, Mr. Gribbon and Mr. Corner voting in opposition.

Mr. Rock agrees with termination but noted it is being terminated because of breaching the contract. Mr. Cotter added contract will be open to qualified bidders.

Ms. Collier, Finance Director questioned as to why she was not informed about missing funds.

- a. Plans and Recommendations – No report
- b. Dredging Update — Mr. Rock informed the Commission that dredging will be done next year. He shared with the Commission correspondence received from the Army Corps of Engineers. Monies will remain with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- c. Vessel Maintenance — No report
- d. Ramp Maintenance – No Report
- e. Finance — No Report
- f. Information and Technology – No report.
- g. Special Events — No new events.
- h. Municipal Pier — No report
- i. Bonds Dock subcommittee — No report
- j. Birdseye Concession Sub-Committee – Discussed previously
- k. State and Regional Organizations — No report
- 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 – Due to Town Council Executive Session, Mr. Hatfield will not give a report.
- 7. OLD BUSINESS — None
- 8. NEW BUSINESS — None
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS — Members observed a moment of silence for Mr. Minter.
- 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 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail DeCilio
Recording Secretary