



# CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

## HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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### MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION

#### MARCH 1, 2023

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, in the Harriet North, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Pimer, McKeon, Flynn, Paine, Parks & Rec; Jeff Steadman, consultant, Corporation Counsel Tiernan and Assistant Planner Conniff. Absent was Commissioner Potter.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Flynn made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 1, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

#### REGULAR MEETING:

New Haven Harbor Federal Navigation Improvements project and study: Letters written by Jeff Steadman to the Us Army Corps of Engineers

Mr., Steadman spoke with Mr. Salvatore who had a meeting with the Corps of Engineers and he informed them that they need to reach out to the commission and to discuss the wastewater outfall. Corps of Engineering are taking additional borings and feels a letter should be sent to them and to have a meeting. The final design plans are being worked on. Ms. Conniff will contact Attorney Tiernan and discuss how to go about it.

#### Proposed amendment to CT Harbor Management Act

Mr. Steadman stated he testified before the environmental committee. The purpose was for HB 5614 to amend the Harbor Management Act. He voiced the commission's support. This bill would make clear all Harbor Commissions have legal authority for DEEP permits and make clear that a recommendation by Harbor Commissions be considered by DEEP. This was brought about because of the Greenwich case stating Harbor Commission have no authority to review DEEP applications. There were only 3 people that spoke about this. Letters of support can be written and be part of the record and can be submitted on the environment website by March 24. This commission may want to draft a letter. Ms. Conniff stated Dorinda Boerr did write a letter. This bill doesn't change DEEP's regulatory authority but must explain their decisions. Commissioner McKeon made a motion that the commission write a letter in support of HB 5614, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.