

CITY OF WEST HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES OF HARBORCOMMISSION FEBRUARY 5, 2025

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in the Harriet North room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM.

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, McKeon, Flynn, Pimer, Assistant City Planner Conniff and Mark Paine, Parks & Rec. Absent was Commissioner Potter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2024, seconded by Commissioner and passed.

REGULAR MEETING:

<u>April Street:</u> Boat launch SHIPP Grant. The Assistant Grant Writer has submitted the application for the ship grant update. A letter from the Ct Port Authority.

Jeff Steadman stated the funds have not yet been allocated by the bond commission. Hopefully it will be on the agenda in the spring. There is a new director of the Port Authority as well. He also asked if a visit could be made to the April St. site but he will know more about it in the next week. Mr. Steadman has been trying to write a summary to present to the Port Authority sometime after February 12, 2025.

<u>6 Rock Street:</u> A request from the city council for an advisory report pursuant to general statutes section 8-24 A proposal to lease of the Savin Rock Conference between the City of West Haven and ATR Hospitality Group LLC. RFP # 2025-07

Ms. Conniff stated this is a lease for a restaurant/events/rooftop bar. Hopefully this brings more economic development to the City. Commissioner made a motion to recommend to the City Council. Ms. Conniff read correspondence from DEEP asking for development be built away from flood hazard areas.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mark Paine stated he has a meeting with the Mayor and other staff members regarding sand management. There is a call with DEEP on Friday regarding this and to have an annual sand management plan. He described the areas near jettys that need sand. Many permits are needed for all the sand removal.

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The proposed amendment to the Harbor Management Act are amendments to clarify the authority and responsibilities of the Harbor Commission. DEEP is against this because they feel it overrules state authority. A proposed bill has been introduced by Milford/West Haven representative as well as other representatives and senators to give Harbor Commissions authority to review and for DEEP to consider their recommendations. Commissioners discussed why there is even a Harbor Commission even though the state originally gave the power to Harbor Commissions

ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 P.M.

Commissioner McKeon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.