

MINUTES  
HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
JUNE 5, 2019

The West Haven Harbor Management Commission held a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 in the Harriet North Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 355 Main Street, West Haven, CT at 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners Pacapelli, Pimer, Flynn, McKeon, Potter, Assistant City Planner, Killeen and Consultant Geoff Steadman

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: Commissioner Pacapelli made a motion to approve meeting minutes of May 01, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Flynn and passed.

Regular Meeting

1. Update on Boat Launching Ramp Feasibility Study

- Status of Review by State of Study of Potential Sites for a Boat Launch Ramp in West Haven  
Mr. Killeen informed the commission that an email was received from Jeff Caiola of DEEP, and a meeting has been scheduled with DEEP and DOT for next Monday, June 10, 2019 to discuss the State DEEP property which the Commission believes is a preferred site for locating the City's boat ramp. At this meeting, the City will have the opportunity to present their case. Discussion will entail visibility, access to the channel, wetland mitigation, feasibility study, etc. Commissioners Pacapelli and Pimer volunteered to attend that meeting, which will be held at DOT Headquarters in Newington. Also expected would be Consultant Geoff Steadman, a representative of RACE Coastal Engineering, and Assistant City Planner Killeen. It's possible that Joe Salvatore from the CT Port Authority may attend as well.
- Discussion of Political Support for Feasibility Study – a copy of the study has been sent to one of the City's State representatives for their review, but it is believed that the Representatives are still in session currently. This would be beneficial for their support if DOT is not agreeable.
- Report on Consultant's proposal for Replacement Wetlands on City Compost Site – Mr. Killeen circulated a concept plan for remediating wetlands on the City's compost facility as compensation for the potential loss of the wetland creation project completed by the CT DOT on the DEEP property. This topic will be stressed with DOT to reinforce that the City recognizes its responsibility to mitigate any wetlands that are lost. There are about 3 acres of tidal wetlands/phragmites located along the shore of the compost facility, and RACE has developed a conceptual plan for restoring that wetland area.

2. CT Port Authority SHIPP Program – The deadline is June 12, 2019 for submission. The Port Authority has been reluctant to support the City's project going forward until the DEEP approves a site for the proposed boat ramp. If there is no grant submission this year, the City might have to wait possibly one or two years before the next round of funding. Mr. Killeen feels a grant submission by the 12<sup>th</sup> would be important as long as the City receives favorable direction from Monday's meeting with the state regulators. The Commission members felt they will have a better sense of this after Monday's meeting. They authorized staff to proceed with an application if it is deemed appropriate after the meeting.

3. REPORTS OF STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS – No meeting in July

ADJOURNMENT: 7:15 P.M.

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