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MEETING MINUTES OF HARBOR COMMISSION **AUGUST 6, 2025**

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Commissioner Pacapelli, McKeon, Harbormaster Pimer. Assistant City Planner Conniff, Mark Paine, Public Works and Consultant Jeff Steadman. Absent were Commissioners Pimer, Potter and Flynn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner McKeon made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 7, 2025, seconded by Commissioner Pimer and passed.

REGULAR MEETING:

April Street: Boat launch SHIPP Grant. The Assistant Grant Writer has submitted the application for the ship grant update. RFP was sent out and we had 2 responses, GZA Geo Environmental, Inc. and RACE Coastal Engineering. The Grants team and Planning will be reviewing RFQ No. 2025-79 April Street Dock

Ms. Conniff stated the money has been received and two applications have been received from Race Coastal Engineering and GZA Environmental Inc. On August 8th, the applications will be reviewed and the applicant will be chosen for the feasibility study. Complaints have been received regarding the poles on the boat ramps. Ms. Conniff is not sure who did that.

Study of the shoreline by The Haven site, and the mayor has asked to assemble a provisional scope of work to study the shoreline along the site of the Haven Site. They will give an analysis on the depth of the waters and what is conducive to the area

Steve Fontana was supposed to attend the meeting tonight but had another obligation. A letter was read into the record regarding The Haven and to hire a consultant regarding flooding, stabilization and erosion control, and improve public access and support New Haven Redevelopment. Once the study is done a report will be submitted. Ms. Conniff stated the Mayor wanted to see if there was another option of a boat ramp where The Haven site is.



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Compost Site: The Connecticut DEEP met with Mark Paine and Catherine Conniff to discuss the access under 95 Bridge. There were many representatives from the State who were very cooperative with the project and gave up great feedback.

Ms. Conniff and Mark Paine met Fisheries and Wildlife and state staff regarding the site. Funds can be available if the boat ramp is open to all of the public not just West Haven residents. Mr. Steadman will look into this with the Port Authority as well and will report back. Ms. Conniff asked if the design study that was done in 2022 is still good. Mr. Steadman will look into that. Mr. Steadman stated the Plan of Conservation and Development is in process and should reference the Harbor Management Plan. Ms. Conniff will get in touch with IT to see if we can have a better phone call from Jeff.

Ms. Conniff stated Stiles School application will be coming in for a three floor condo building. The POCD is a plan that needs to be done every 10 years. A section in the POCD will have a shoreline section and would like feedback from the commission. The restaurant Kelsey is moving forward. Ms. Conniff feels The Debonair has not gone forward she thinks because of financial reasons. The coffee shop is moving very slowly. The building is old and structurally may not be sound. The buckle shop has to go before inland wetland again and P & Z has extended their plan for 1-1/2 year. Ms. Conniff doesn't know anything about the sewer plant and the smell. Mr. Pimer asked about the water near the buckle shop and where it comes from. Mr. Paine stated it comes from Old Field Creek.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:18 P.M.

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