

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2016
City Hall, Room 210, 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alderman H. Tucker Braddock, Jr.
Alderman Gerald Martin
Josh Bakoulis
Richard Benoit
Michael Gualtieri

OTHERS PRESENT

John Salomone – City Manager
Sergeant Perry – Norwich Police Department
Melinda Wilson – Recording Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

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CITIZENS PRESENT

Tia Michaud
Ivery Stakley

1. Call to Order: Alderman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. Determination of Quorum: It was determined a quorum was present.
3. Approval of Minutes September 27, 2016:
On a motion to accept as submitted by Alderman Braddock, seconded by Michael Gualtieri, the Commission unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the September 27, 2016 of the Harbor Management Commission (HMC) with the following amendments: 4. E. Strip corrected to striper and corrected spelling of sergeant throughout.
4. Community Policing:
Sergeant Perry of the Norwich Police Department (NPD) followed up on a conversation from last month's meeting. The NPD had been extremely active in enforcing laws on blue crab and striped bass fishing but it seems to have slowed down. Alderman Martin noted that the run has slowed; it is no longer a peak time for fishing these species. Sergeant Perry has seen drop in people going down there.

Jerry noted that the Lions held an event at Howard T Brown Park that the HMC was not made aware of. City Manager Salomone will check into it. Alderman Martin is concerned due to the effects on the access to the boat launch during events. A sign needs to be posted if access is to be limited and proper notice given to boat launch users.

Sergeant Perry noted that NPD would like to be aware of an event like the Lyons held so that they can not only attend the event to provide police support but to put the rescue boat in the water in case of an emergency. Alderman Martin noted that this is exactly the type of procedure the HMC would like to see in place.

Sergeant Perry left the meeting.

5. Correspondence:

- a. The September HMC Financial Report was reviewed. On a motion by Alderman Braddock, seconded by Mike Gualtieri, the September Financial Report was accepted.
- b. Alderman Martin reported for the HMC Consultant Geoffrey Steadman. Geoff will meet and discuss boat ramp project with the new Port Authority Commissioner. Also, the Commissioner wants to see the Shipping Street property next month. Alderman Martin will invite the HMC members to attend.
- c. Alderman Martin reported that the Harbor Master contract expired. The HMC can continue with the current Harbor Master, Michael Valentine, on a month-to-month basis. They can also nominate other candidates. The job description can be found at the CT Harbor Masters website. In order to nominate additional candidates, the HMC needs to provide three names. Alderman Martin will email the link to HMC members in case they someone who wants to apply.

6. Harbor Master Report:

Michael Valentine, Harbor Master, was not present.

7. New Business:

Alderman Braddock reported that he called DPW about a tree fallen into the river which could pin a boat. Ryan from DPW will look at it. He will keep Alderman Martin apprised of the progress. Alderman Martin noted the benefit of Alderman Martin and City Manager Salomone acting as intermediaries with other City committees and the HMC.

8. Old Business:

Alderman Martin thanked Alderman Braddock for running a kayak tour for Octoberfest. He went above and beyond to serve city and attract tourism. Alderman Braddock noted the event was sponsored by Thayer's Marine.

Alderman Martin reported there had been no progress in the harbor cam installation. Discussion ensued regarding alternate sites for the camera. The police station was raised as a potential location. Alderman Martin noted the money has been raised through fundraising and is in the budget. The HMC revisited the objective of the camera. Alderman Martin noted the main concerns of monitoring ice on the boat launch and a view of the harbor. Alderman Braddock commented that the view from the police station would include the city. Mike Gualtieri suggested the parking garage. Alderman Martin said installation of the camera on the

parking garage would involve conduit. In the past, NPU has offered to install it. City Manager Salomone will talk to Chief Daley and report back to the HMC.

9. Citizen Comment: None

10. Other: Josh Bakoulis noted that the train company is working on Trading Cove bridge. Alderman Martin reported that a complaint was received about construction debris going down the river. The City Planner, Deanna Rhodes, looked into it. The train company said they would take care of the issue. There have been no further complaints. Josh said they left the old pilings. Jerry noted they will eventually rot.

On a motion by Alderman Braddock, seconded by Mike Gualtieri, the HMC unanimously voted to convene on the fourth Tuesday of each month in 2017.

11. Adjournment:

On a motion to adjourn by Alderman Braddock, seconded by Josh Bakoulis, the Harbor Management Commission meeting adjourned at 5:23 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melinda Wilson
Recording Secretary*