

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 25, 2022, 5:00 PM
Norwich City Hall, Room 319, Turbo Bridge

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Aliano, City Treasurer Michael Gualtieri, Alderman Grant Neuendorf, David Bishop, Sofia LeWitt

OTHERS PRESENT: Coastal Area Planning Consultant Geoff Steadman (via Turbo Bridge), Mark Sicuso (via Turbo Bridge)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chair Tucker Braddock, John Salomone

CITIZENS PRESENT: Lisa Simmons, Gregory Page

1. Call to Order: Michael Aliano called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.
2. Determination of Quorum: It was determined a quorum was present.
3. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Michael Gualtieri, seconded by Mark Sicuso, the March 28, 2023, meeting minutes of the Harbor Management Commission (HMC) were unanimously approved as presented.
4. Harbor Master Report: Nothing to report.
5. Correspondence: Nothing to report.
6. Financial Report: Michael Gualtieri reviewed the revenue, expenses, and balances of the March 1st – 31st 2023 report. Mr. Gualtieri reports the \$75.40 expenditure of the data line is for the Harbor Management Commission's share of the harborcam.

On a motion by Mark Sicuso, seconded by David Bishop, the March 2023 Financial Report was unanimously accepted by roll call vote.

7. New Business:

a) Sinking Boat- Thames River: Michael Aliano states that the first boat has been removed and taken care of. Mr. Aliano also states that the second boat has been moved further down the river, believed to be on railroad property still. Michael Aliano will be reaching out to the railroad company for further information.

b) Consultant- Geoff Steadman: Consultant Geoff Steadman stated that in regard to the Howard T. Brown Park dock replacement grant, Purchasing Agent – Robert Castronova is holding a pre-bid conference on May 3, 2023, 10:00AM at the park. Race Engineering is assisting with needed materials and questions for prospective bidders. The \$45,000.00 Heritage Walkway grant for walkway design and engineering is being put out for bid.

Mr. Steadman also stated that Harbor Management Commission recommendations will hopefully be considered by DEEP on grant applications. This process has been ongoing, and DEEP is working with the City of Stamford about making a clear provision. He will inform the Commission as details arise.

c) Income Sources for HMC: HMC members have decided to table this discussion until the next meeting.

8. Old Business: Michael Gualtieri asks about how the Amistad access fee had been worked out. Mr. Aliano stated that the fee was given at a discounted rate from the Joyals, and everything went smoothly. The Amistad will be there until the end of the week.

9. Citizen Comment: Gregory Page asked if the City's water taxi is still operating. It was stated that due to upkeep and licensing it is not currently in use. Mr. Page also asked about brownfield dollars and the use of them. Without knowing the specific site in question, HMC is not able to clarify but states there are multiple projects that beneficially use brownfield dollars. Mr. Page stated concerns about the removal of the sinking boat, in which HMC addressed those concerns but confirmed it was removed. Mr. Page suggests ideas for local residents helping in future events.

Lisa Simmons states concerns about any debris left and placement of the sinking boat. Mr. Aliano states that he will investigate the concerns and will report back at the next meeting. Ms. Simmons also thanks the Commission for her presence at this meeting and is appreciative of how citizens are allowed to participate in all the meetings.

10. Other: None

11. Adjournment: On a motion to adjourn by David Bishop, seconded by Michael Gualtieri, the Harbor Management Commission meeting adjourned at 5:26PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
Kaitlyn Griffiths
Recording Secretary*