

NHPA Minutes Meeting #162
June 3, 2021
held *virtually* at 5:30 pm on zoom.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair, Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Joseph Wraithwall, Jody Ortiz, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Maggie Targove, Judith Sheiffele, Kayla Wallace

Public: Atty Carolyn Cone, Rep Al Paolillo, Jr. William Gash, CMC

Chair John Abbagnaro called the meeting to order at 5:36PM

A. Minutes of May 6, 2021 meeting: Commissioner Drax made a motion to approve the May minutes and Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion passed and May minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Financial: Treasurer Drax reviewed the April 2021 reconciled bank statements and found all three accounts to be in good financial order. Commissioner Abbagnaro made a motion to accept the reports which was seconded by Commissioner Ortiz. All financial reports were approved unanimously.

C. Updates:

1. CPA – Ms. Sheiffele reported that they are continuing to negotiate with DOT & OMB on the DOT parcels remaining within the New Haven port district and will be discussed at next CPA meeting on June 15, 2021. Ms. Sheiffele reported DOT would not object to the properties going directly to NHPA including the bond funds for \$751,000.

2. CMC – Bill Gash reported on DEEP approval to deposit fill in between the piers for the wind operation in New London.

3. Army Corps of Engineers – Ms. Sheiffele reported that Office Management & Budget did not get the final report to the Secretary of Army. It is important that this process continues smoothly in order to obtain the out of cycle funding for the design phase and close out the Feasibility Study.

D. New Business:

1. Letter of Support from the Board, for Gateway's Port Infrastructure grant from the Maritime Administration for rail expansion. It is due July 30, 2021. It will be written and submitted for Board review.

E. Executive Director Report:

1. Maggie reported that the motorcycle rally planned for July has been postponed until September with no confirmed date yet. The rally organizer is schedule to meet with the Police team next week to discuss various scenarios.

The teams of patrol and plain clothes officers have already proven effective. They continue to ticket and take possession of motorcycles.

2. Permission to access DOT property was requested by Ms. Targove for the purpose of environmental testing. The State would like a definitive time frame before they agree. Ms. Sheiffele reported that the environmental testing firm would need 60 days to complete from initial date for right of entry.

There were no public comments.

- Chair Abbagnaro made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:05 and to have Ms. Sheiffele, Attorney Cone and Representative Paolillo, join us for discussion on real estate parcels pending from DOT and to discuss specifics of the return of parcel 3 from the State of CT. Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion.

Executive Session was closed at 6:25. Commissioner Drax made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Ortiz seconded it. Unanimously voted to adjourn at 6:29.