

NHPA Notes Regular Meeting,
#156, November 5, 2020
held *virtually*

Commissioners Virtually Present: Matt Desfosses, Chair

Katharine Goodbody, Giovanni Zinn, Chuck Mascola,

Staff Present: Maggie Targove, Kayla Wallace

Public: None

There was not a quorum until end of meeting when Commissioner Goodbody joined. Since there was no quorum this was not an official meeting. I have noted some comments below.

1. **Minutes:** Approval of minutes was tabled until next month (December) when we will approve September and October. Maggie will make sure there is a quorum.
2. **Financial Report:** Treasurer Drax was not on. Therefore, the bank statements and financial statements for Septembers, October will be reviewed.
3. **Updates:**
4. Connecticut Port Authority – No report
5. CT Maritime Coalition – No Report
6. ACOE Dredging – The project remains with the Senate, but no vote has been taken. We feel confident that it will be approved, possibly the end of 2022 or beginning of 2023.
7. Parcels D & E license will be completed when.....
8. The electrification equipment on site is removed. Maggie & GZ met with Gateway on site. They are planning on fencing & paving the area. There are currently trucks on site---there will be flyers put on the trucks giving owners 2 weeks for removal.

No Public Comment

Exec Director Report:

9. **Strategic Land Use Plan:** Maggie will set forth a scope to include:
 - Update of current plan (2007)
 - Port Infrastructure: Description of current infrastructure. We will also be putting in the basis of a plan for rail freight improvement in the area. We would like to get it to the point of engineered & beginning of an environmental assessment.
 - Port Security Assessment
10. Debrief of Gateway CRISI grant – what was right and what needed improvement.
11. Letter from Mayor Elicker re DEEP tentative approval of expansion of 19 Wheeler St waste processing facility. (on website). Would like to see greater involvement from the community. There is a public virtual hearing on December 15 and we encourage people to attend and voice their opposition.
12. Commissioner Mascola brought up the suggested enhanced signage around the Port. GZ will follow up with DOT. This led into a suggestion from all the commissioners to find out about grants and how to begin buy in from the terminals and City to have the tanks PAINTED different colors! Kayla wants to take the lead on this.....we are going to contact the Peabody Museum, talk with the City's new Arts & Tourism Director, Adrian Jefferson, who may have grant money available. She also will talk with Commissioner Mascola regarding advertising & marketing for this project.

We ended our informal meeting at 6:20