

**NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING #137
JANUARY 3, 2019
MINUTES**

Commissioners Present: Richard Miller, Patricia Drax, Chuck Mascola, John Abbagnaro, Jody Ortiz, Katharine Goodbody
Advisory Present: Ralph Gogliettino, David Pohorylo
Staff Present: Judith Sheiffele
Legal Counsel: Carolyn Kone; Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman
Public: Rep. Alphonse Paolillo; Bill Gash, CMC

Vice Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting #135 held December 6, 2018

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Drax, a vote was taken and the Minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

5:35 PM: Katharine Goodbody assumed the Chair.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2. Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement for Period Ending November 30, 2018.

Commissioner Drax advised the board that she had reviewed reconciliations for the checking and money market accounts but the statement for the STIF statements have not been received as yet and that reconciliation will be reviewed at the February meeting. After review of all the financial reports, Commissioner Drax stated that she found everything to be in good order.

UPDATES

3. Connecticut Maritime Coalition Mr. Gash reported that the CMC is proposing legislation for this session, which if adopted, will eliminate sale tax on goods and services sold to commercial vessels. He went on to explain that because Connecticut's neighboring states do not levy this tax, vessels are making those purchases prior to or after departing Connecticut waters.

4. Connecticut Port Authority Mr. Pohorylo who is a member of the CPA board stated that CPA staff has been focused on securing an operator for the State Pier in New London. CPA staff also continues to work with NHPA on the channel deepening study.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Legal Representation – Amicus Curiae Brief in Rosado et al. v. Pruitt Ms. Sheiffele provided the background on this item which involves a suit filed by the State of New York against EPA to prevent the disposal of dredge material at the Eastern Long Island Sound Open Water Disposal Site. The Connecticut Port Authority has retained Robinson & Cole, and has further invited NHPA to join in their brief and has committed to pay all legal costs incurred. NHPA joined with CMC who had retained Attorney Wynn Bohannon to prepare a brief 2019 on this matter, but there is some question as to whether Attorney Bohannon wants to continue to represent us. Attorney Cohen suggested a possible remedy which Bill Gash and I agreed to present to Attorney Bohannon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chairwoman Goodbody requested ED to make her report before moving into Executive Session

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Environmental Advisory Council Ms. Sheiffele reported that she had been invited to attend a meeting of the EAC; which she did last evening to discuss the port, including the deep draft navigation study. The group is very concerned about Murphy Road Recycling, located in the port district, and it's interested in expanding the types of waste that can be handled at that facility. They wanted to know what the Port Authority could do to prevent this expansion. I explained that NHPA has no land use authority, but at such time MRR makes application with the City Plan Commission for Site Plan and Coastal Management review, we will review the application and provide CPC with comments.

New Haven Harbor Navigation Improvement Study Ms. Sheiffele stated that there are two meetings scheduled with the ACOE; January 8, the Long Island Sound Regional Dredging Team will meet to review the tentatively selected plan and on January 14 an Agency Decision Milestone meeting will be held when the District will present the recommended plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairwoman Goodbody entertained a motion to move the meeting to Executive Session, inviting Attorney Kone, Judi Sheiffele and Rep. Paolillo to remain. Commissioner Drax made the motion to move into Executive Session for the following purpose:

8. To discuss the lease of real estate (Parcel 3/Stiles Street) by the New Haven Port Authority when publicity regarding such lease would adversely impact the price of such lease.

9. To discuss the purchase of 135 Fulton Terrace & 54 Edgemere road from the State of Connecticut DOT and disposition of 135 Fulton Terrace & 54 Edgemere Road to RonSal Limited Partnership

10. Personnel – Executive Director

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbagnaro and a vote was taken, all present voting aye and at 6:09 PM meeting moved into Executive Session

6:35 PM Commissioner Drax made a motion to move the meeting out of Executive, seconded by Commissioner Abbagnaro a vote was taken and meeting moved back into Regular Session.

Regular Session

Ms. Sheiffele will contact the Chair of the Connecticut Port Authority, Scott Bates regarding a meeting with the newly appointed CONNDOT Commissioner. Ms. Sheiffele will work on finalizing the ED job description

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Drax, Chairwoman Goodbody adjourned the meeting a 6:40 PM.

