

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING – May 5, 2022

This was an entirely remote meeting.

Chairman Abbagnaro called the Regular Meeting of the New Haven Port Authority to order at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair; Jody Ortiz, Vice-Chair; Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Matt Defosses

Staff Present: Sally Kruse

Counsel: Carolyn Kone - Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman

Public: Mark Augur – Gateway Terminal, Gene Harris

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2022** – One comment was provided by Commissioner Drax.
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 21, 2022** – No comments were provided.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz, the minutes of the April 7, 2022 regular meeting and the April 21, 2022 Special Meeting were approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

3. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for March 31, 2022 (STIF) and April 30, 2022 (Citizen's Bank)

4. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending April 30, 2022 (excluding April 2022 STIF interest). Treasurer Drax reported on interest activity for the STIF account in March 2022, and the Citizen's Bank Money Market and checking accounts for April 2022. She reported on the reconciliations of the STIF account (March 2022) and both Citizen's Bank accounts (April 2022) as well as the Profit and Loss for April 2022 and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet through April 2022. Treasurer Drax noted that the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets through April 2022 did not include April 2022 STIF because that information was not yet available. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz, the Financial Report was accepted by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

5. Expenditures requiring Board approval. April expenditures included legal fees which are exempt under Section X of the Procurement Procedure and eolas Environmental Phase 1 ESA charges which had been previously approved.

Expenditures by the Executive Director to attend a NAPA conference in early June were discussed. Chairman Abbagnaro made of motion to authorize those expenditures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drax and approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

UPDATES

Connecticut Maritime Coalition – there were 18 vessel arrivals into New Haven in April

Connecticut Port Authority – an interim Executive Director was selected. Working to set up project partnership agreements with ACOE for channel deepening project

ACOE – Channel Deepening Project – funding for the project was released the previous week allowing the ACOE to begin working on the design phase of the project. The CPA is working with the ACOE to set up project partnership funding agreements. When those agreements are in place, they will be able to go out to bid on the design phase.

New Haven Marine Group/New Haven Harbor CoOp – the CoOp is considering submitting testimony on the Cannabis Establishment Zoning Amendment and some members may attend the hearing.

OLD BUSINESS

6. **New Board member selection and approval Update** – update on Gene Harris’s status as a probable incoming Board member. Executive Director to have a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Board Recruitment Fair.

7. **Port Signage** – Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to continue this item until the next regular meeting. Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion, which was approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. **Banking Relationship** – Services offered by New Haven Bank and Citizen’s Bank were discussed and noted to be comparable; however, NHPA needs to ensure that the new bank would be able to handle the needs of a quasi-governmental agency and offer the same FDIC/FSLIC protection.

9. **Fulton-Edgemere Development Agreement** – Work is progressing on creating a development agreement. Developer wants to have a survey performed on the site. CDOT has been contacted to get the authorization required as well as to validate the purchase price and to learn the conveyance process. Meetings with City Plan and Traffic and Parking being set up.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Augur discussed Gateway operations and described current port district activities by Gateway.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Executive Director is getting quotes for Phase 2 ESA’s and will review with the Environmental attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10. To discuss strategy and negotiations regarding pending litigation to which the New Haven Port Authority is a party.

ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Defosses, and approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.