

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING – July 7, 2022

This was an entirely remote meeting.

Chairman Abbagnaro called the Annual Meeting of the New Haven Port Authority to order at 5:32 PM.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair; Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Jody Ortiz; Gene Harris; Giovanni Zinn*

Staff Present: Sally Kruse; Judi Sheiffele

Counsel: Carolyn Kone - Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman

Public: Bill Gash - Connecticut Maritime Coalition; Sal Punzo – New Haven Board of Alders; Al Paolillo – CT State Legislature – all members of the public present left the meeting early

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on June 6, 2022. No comments on the draft minutes were provided. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Special Meeting were unanimously approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

At 5:35 – Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to enter Executive Session with all meeting participants except Mr. Gash and the meeting moved into Executive Session with all Commissioners present at the meeting voting in favor. Mr. Gash left the meeting at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

*Commissioner Zinn left the meeting at 6:02 pm, as well as Mr. Punzo and Mr. Paolillo.

The meeting moved out of Executive Session at 6:03 pm.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for May 31, 2022(all) and June 30, 2022 (Citizen's Bank). 3. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending May 31, 2022 (including STIF interest) and for June 30, 2022 (not including STIF interest). Treasurer Drax reported on interest activity for all accounts in May 2022, and the Citizen's Bank Money Market and Checking accounts for June 2022. She reported on the Profit and Loss and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet including all accounts for May 2022 and the Profit and Loss and Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet

through June 2022, not including STIF interest. 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.

4. Expenditures requiring Board approval. There was only one pending expenditure requiring Board approval for annual membership dues for the American Association of Port Authorities. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Drax, the expense was approved by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present.

UPDATES

Connecticut Maritime Coalition
Connecticut Port Authority
ACOE – Channel Deepening Project
New Haven Marine Group/New Haven Harbor Co-Op

OLD BUSINESS

5. New Haven Bank – The Executive Director provided input on insurance (FDIC and supplemental requirements of the State of Connecticut) of both Citizen’s Bank and New Haven Bank. The merits of moving some Port Authority money to New Haven Bank were briefly discussed by the Commissioners. Suggestions were to set up a meeting with New Haven Bank and to explore the quality of their service, then to finalize the pros and cons for vote at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Secretary Replacement – Commissioner Drax nominated Commissioner Harris to replace former Commissioner Mascola as the Board Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Ortiz and the nomination was approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to vote on that nomination and elect Commissioner Harris to the office of Secretary. Commissioner Ortiz seconded that motion and Commissioner Harris was elected to the office of Secretary with all Commissioners present at the meeting voting in favor.

7. Single Audit Report – the June 2020 Single Audit Report had been finalized and was ready for submittal to CTDOT upon approval by the Board. Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to accept the report. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and the June 2020 Single Audit Report had been finalized was approved by the Board with all Commissioners present at the meeting voting in favor. In addition, status updates of the June 2021 Single Audit Report (substantially complete, small verbiage changes required to reflect authorization of CPA by CTDOT to manage the project) and June 2022 Single Audit Report were provided by staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A DJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Commissioner Harris moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Drax, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm with all Commissioners present at the meeting voting in favor.

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