

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING – September 1, 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 – Vice Chair*; Gene Harris, Secretary; Matt Defosses; Giovanni Zinn**

Staff Present: Sally Kruse

Counsel: Danielle Bercury - Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman

Public: Sal Punzo – New Haven Board of Alders; Al Paolillo – CT State Legislature

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm.

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 4, 2022. Commissioner Drax asked for two minor clarifications, but there were no edits to the draft minutes. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Defosses, the minutes of the August 4, 2022, Regular Meeting were unanimously approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for July 31, 2022 (STIF account). 3. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending July 31, 2022 (including STIF interest). Treasurer Drax reported on interest activity for STIF account for July 31, 2022, and the Profit and Loss and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet including all accounts for July 31, 2022. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Defosses, the Financial Report was accepted by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

4. Expenditures requiring Board approval. There were no expenditures during August 2022 requiring Board approval.

The Executive Director (ED) reported that she had received a quote from a real estate appraiser for \$5,500.00 which was less than the limit pre-approved by the board in the August 2022 meeting. Attempts to get two other quotes failed. The contract had been reviewed by legal counsel and would be executed shortly.

The ED reported that she had attempted to get three quotes for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) but had only received two. After discussion, Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to

authorize engaging eolas Environmental for a Phase 1 ESA. Commissioner Drax seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

** Commissioner Zinn left the meeting at 5:51 pm.

UPDATES

Connecticut Maritime Coalition - the Connecticut Maritime Coalition (CMC) met in person on August 30th. CMC Chair Dave Pohorylo talked about the current composition of the Connecticut Port Authority board. Joe Salvatore of CPA gave a brief update on the status of the New Haven Harbor Deepening project and stated that possible dredging start could be autumn 2025.

Connecticut Port Authority – In addition to an update on the New Haven Harbor Deepening project, Mr. Salvatore talked about partnering with the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) on creation of CAD cells for both the New Haven and the Bridgeport Harbor dredging projects. The ACOE would need to seek funding, CPA has some funding available.

New Haven Marine Group – in person meeting held. USCG and NHPD watching carefully for another East Coastin' motorcycle rally with no news yet. The City of New Haven had fined local motorcycle club owners after the 2021 event.

New Haven Harbor CoOp – no August meeting held. Equipment Deployment Drill to be held late in September.

Mr. Punzo left the meeting at 5:53 pm.

* Commissioner Ortiz left the meeting at 6:09 pm

OLD BUSINESS

5. New Haven Bank – The ED reviewed the pros and cons of moving NHPA funds to New Haven Bank per a sheet previously provided to the board members. After discussion, Commissioner Drax moved to transfer the NHPA funds from Citizen's Bank to New Haven Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abbagnaro which was approved by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

6. Board Member Replacement – The ED reported that Alder Punzo is expected to have his second reading of the full Board of Alders at their September 6, 2022, meeting and that Tom Cavaliere and Nick Fabiani would be presented to the Board of Alders at that meeting and then appear before the Aldermanic Affairs Committee at the Committee's September meeting, with readings at two full Board of Alders meetings in October. The ED reported that the mayor's office had decided not to move forward with the appointment of either Don Hayden or Katharine Goodbody, but to move forward with Larcina Carrington Wynn and to "find a Republican to replace Mr. Abbagnaro".

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the previously discussed items, the ED discussed progress on development of an Employee Manual and progress on finding a location for a potential upcoming event in the port district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the agenda items below with all commissioners and staff present at the meeting, as well as Attorney Bercury and Representative Paolillo. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Defosses and approved by unanimous consent of all commissioners present at the meeting. The Board moved into Executive Session at 6:37 pm.

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

8. Discuss Acquisition of Properties under CGS 1-200(B)(6)(D) (Selection of site or purchase of property when publicity would adversely impact purchase price.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 6:55 pm. After the meeting came out of Executive Session, Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to approve the terms sheet for development on a parcel in the port district. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Defosses and approved by unanimous consent of all commissioners present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Defosses, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm with all Commissioners present at the meeting voting in favor.