

## NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

### MINUTES

#181

### REGULAR MEETING – October 6, 2022

This was an entirely remote meeting.

Chairman Abbagnaro called the Regular Meeting #181 of the New Haven Port Authority to order at 5:30 PM.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair; Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Sal Punzo. \*

Commissioner Giovanni Zinn joined the meeting at 5:31 PM.\*

Staff Present: Sally Kruse

Counsel: Carolyn Kone - Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman

Members of the Public – Tom Cavaliere and Nick Fabiani – prospective Board members

Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to add to the agenda a discussion and the election of Tom Cavaliere to the position of Treasurer contingent upon the successful second reading of his appointment to the Board at the October 17, 2022, Board of Alders meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Punzo and was passed by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

After discussion, Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to elect Tom Cavaliere to the position of Treasurer subject to the above-noted condition. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Drax and was passed by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting

### AGENDA

#### MINUTES

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 1, 2022.** Commissioner Drax had previously provided two minor edits to the draft minutes. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Harris, the amended minutes of the September 1, 2022, Regular Meeting were unanimously approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

**2. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for August 31, 2022 (Citizen's Bank and STIF account). Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for September 30, 2022 (Citizen's Bank accounts). 3. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending August 31, 2022 (including STIF interest). Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending September 30, 2022 (not including STIF interest).** Treasurer Drax reported on interest activity for all accounts for August 31, 2022, and the Profit and Loss and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet including all accounts for August 31, 2022. Treasurer Drax also reported on interest activity for the Citizen's Bank accounts for the

period ending September 30, 2022, as well as the Profit and Loss for September 2022 and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet for the period ending September 30, 2022 (not including STIF interest). Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Punzo, the Financial Report was accepted by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

**4. Expenditures requiring Board approval.** There was one expenditure during September 2022 requiring Board approval for payment of multiple invoices for fuel for Marine 1. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Punzo, the expenditure was approved by unanimous vote of all Commissioners present at the meeting.

In addition, the Executive Director requested prior approval for expenses related to attendance at the semi-annual meeting of the North Atlantic Ports Association. Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to allow related expenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Punzo and carried with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Punzo, with all Commissioners present voting in favor, the Board moved into Executive Session with all meeting attendees at 5:52 pm.

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

**7. 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.**

\* Commissioners Punzo and Zinn left the meeting at 6:00 pm.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 6:09 pm.

## **UPDATES**

Connecticut Maritime Coalition - the Connecticut Maritime Coalition (CMC) did not meet in September 2022. A summary of the August 30, 2022 CMC meeting was provided.

Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) –The next meeting date is October 18, 2022.

Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)- Channel Deepening Project – The CPA and the ACOE held a status meeting on August 23, 2022. The Memorandum of Understanding between the CPA and the ACOE is expected to be finalized shortly, naming CPA as the local sponsor for the design and construction stages of the project. There were discussions of the risk to the project and timeline posed by the Cross Sound Cable and of dredge material disposal locations.

New Haven Marine Group/New Haven Harbor CoOp – The CoOp Equipment Deployment Drill was held at the Canal Dock Boathouse with participation from the USCG, DEEP and NHFD.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**5. NHPA Logo** – There was discussion regarding the need for NHPA letterhead and logo. Prospective Commissioner Fabiani spoke in favor of the idea and said that he would assist when his appointment becomes final. There was discussion for and against basing a logo on that of the city.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There were two interviews with local press, Yale Daily News reporter asked about the Cannabis Zoning Amendment. CT Examiner reporter asked about port upgrades and Tweed Expansion.

Worked on Citizen's Bank to New Haven Bank transition. Commissioner Drax suggested inviting New Haven Bank representatives to a meeting of the NHPA once the transition is complete.

Began to work with the Chamber of Commerce on the Foreign Trade Zone to market the port and Foreign Trade Zone.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Abbagnaro adjourned the meeting, at 6:40 pm.