

NHPA Minutes Meeting #160 March 4, 2021
held *virtually* at 5:30 pm on zoom

Commissioners Present: Matt Desfosses, Chair, Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Jody Ortiz, Vice Chair, John Abbagnaro; Giovanni Zinn, Katherine Goodbody

Staff Present: Maggie Targove, Judith Sheiffele, Kayla Wallace

Public: none present, Rep. Al Paolillo

Chair Matt Desfosses called the meeting to order at 5:34 PM

A. Minutes of the February 4th meeting were approved with the edits. Commissioner John Abbagnaro made a motion to accept and Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by Board.

B. Financial: Treasurer Drax reviewed the February 2021 reconciled bank statements and found all to be in good financial order. She also commented, on the good news, that the STIF account interest had almost doubled from the previous month!

1. Treasurer Drax also noted the on the Balance sheet for February -\$550 was in Accounts Receivables. General entry is needed to correct the CPI amount that was deposited but was not in AR.

C. Old Business – none to report

D. Updates:

1. CPA- Ms. Sheiffele reported that discussion on the DOT parcels were tabled until their next meeting. Questions arose regarding how DOT disposes of surplus land and if the funds can come directly to NHPA.

2. CMC: no report

3. ACOE-Dredging Update: Is out of the Senate and the Army has requested an “out of cycle funding for our project. It is sent to the Asst Secretary of the Army and we will know in a couple months. Projects still requires 2 dredging seasons (Oct 2022 and 2023). CPA is the local sponsor with up to \$30mil approved.

E. New Business: Nominations and voting was held for new slate of officers:

Commissioner John Abbagnaro was nominated for current Chair by Matt Desfosses and motion seconded by Commissioner Katherine Goodbody.

Commissioner Jody Ortiz was nominated for Vice Chair by current Commissioner Desfosses and seconded by Commissioner Drax.

Commissioner Chuck Mascola was nominated for Secretary by current Chair Matt Desfosses and seconded by Commissioner Goodbody.

Commissioner Patricia Drax was nominated for Treasurer by current Commissioner Matt Desfosses and seconded by Commissioner Goodbody.

The new slate was put forward and Commissioner Desfosses made a motion to approve the slate and Commissioner Goodbody seconded. All voted in the affirmative. The new Chairman takes over immediately.

F. ED Report: Maggie introduced Joseph Wraithwall as our newest member of the Board. Joseph spoke of his experience in climate change and other environmental issues. He works for the Nature Conservancy in Connecticut and is Manager of State Directors Office. He replaces Commissioner Katherine Goodbody, who will be greatly missed!

G. Note that on the City website under Port of New Haven is the tab for agendas & meetings on the left hand side.

H. Public Comments: none

Having no further business, at 6:04 pm, Commissioner Desfosses moved to adjourn and Commissioner Drax seconded the motion. All votes Aye.