

NHPA Minutes Meeting #163
July 1, 2021
held *virtually* & in person at 5:30 pm

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair, Jody Ortiz, Vice Chair, Giovanni Zinn, Chuck Mascola

Staff Present: Maggie Targove, Judith Sheiffele, Kayla Wallace

Public: Rep Al Paolillo

Chair John Abbagnaro called the meeting to order at 5:39PM

A. Minutes of June 3, 2021 meeting: Commissioner Mascola made a motion to accept the minutes and Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion. Motion passed and June minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Financial: Treasurer Drax submitted a written report where she reviewed the May 2021 bank statements and found all three accounts to be in good financial order. She also noted that the Short-term Investment account (STIF) only earned \$14.80 for the May 1 – May 28, 2021 period. She also noted that because Gateway pays by wire the monthly amount in Accounts Receivable will be a negative until the wire is received at end of month. Commissioner Ortiz made a motion to accept the report which was seconded by Commissioner Mascola. All financial reports were approved unanimously.

C. Updates:

1. CPA/4 DOT parcels – Ms. Sheiffele reported that they are continuing to negotiate with DOT & OMB on the DOT parcels The Bond funds approved for CPA will be transferred to NHPA directly. First it must be noticed in Law Journal (June 15). Then NHPA can apply for the grant funds.

2. CMC – no report

3. Army Corps of Engineers: Ms. Sheiffele reported that Office Management & Budget did not get the final report to the Secretary of Army. It must confirm that it is consistent with the original project than goes back to Army to submit to Congress. It is important that this process continues smoothly to obtain the out of cycle funding for the design phase and close out the Feasibility Study.

5. Parcel 3 conveyance: Surveyor in process of staking out property to better visualize.

D. New Business:

1. Letter of Support from City of New Haven for Gateway's Port Infrastructure grant application to the Maritime Administration for rail expansion. It is due July 30, 2021. NHPA does not need to give support letter as we are the sponsor for the project. Mr. Dillman received already received the CT delegation's letters and CPA letters of support.

E. Executive Director Report:

1. Lt Rentkowicz submitted a police activity report. Motorcycle rally postponed until September.

The teams of patrol and plain clothes officers have already proven effective. They continue to ticket and take possession of motorcycles. They are making progress.

2. Permission to access DOT property was requested by Ms. Targove for the purpose of environmental testing. The State would like a definitive time frame before they agree.

There were no public comments.

- With no further business, Chair Abbagnaro made a motion to adjourn and Giovanni Zinn seconded that motion. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

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