

NHPA Minutes Special Meeting June 9, 2020
held *virtually*

Commissioners Virtually Present: Matt Desfosses, Chair; Patricia Drax, Treasurer.

John Abbagnaro; Katharine Goodbody, Giovanni Zinn, Chuck Mascola, Secretary

Staff Present: Maggie Targove, Judith Sheiffele, Kayla Wallace

Public: Bill Gash, CMC; Joseph Salvatore, CPA, Marc Wallman, Attorney,
Representative Al Paolillo

Chairman Matt Desfosses called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM

1. New Business: Discussion revolved around Gateway's CHRIS grant application for running approximately a mile of new rail line. New Haven Port authority agreed to be the sponsor for the project, estimated at \$3mil. Vote was called for by Giovanni Zinn who made a motion to approve the sponsorship and Patricia Drax seconded. Board unanimously approved.
2. Jim Dillman, President of Gateway, noted there would be no cost to NHPA or the City. The match would be met by Gateway. New License agreements are being developed for the Parkland which could change substantially if grant is awarded. Wants to lease parcels D & E.
3. Minutes for the March meeting were approved. Commissioner John Abbagnaro moved to accept the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Patricia Drax.
4. Financial: Treasurer Patricia Drax gave an update of the NHPA STIF account that she researched for maximum return and stability. She felt comfortable with the current investment strategy. The board agreed and thanked Patricia for her due diligence.
5. Budget was reviewed and a motion to approve the budget, pending a review of payroll tax decrease in the next year. It was put forward by Commissioner Patricia Drax and seconded by Chair Matt DeFossess.
Treasurer Drax has reviewed the bank statements through April 30, 2020 and found them to be in good order.
6. Status of Dredging Project: waiting for application to go to OPM (for the economic value). The Asst. Secretary of the Army is reviewing the waiver request. Then on to Congress. Hoping to hear in June.
7. CPA: Judy Sheiffele reported CPA has hired a new Executive Director. Joe Salvatore reported that grant writer Gateway hired has an excellent record with the State. CPA fully supports Gateway's rail expansion application to the Department of Transportation.
He has met with the Governor and he approved, just waiting on OPM. He also said the grant writer hired by Gateway successfully applied for and received two grants for CT/DOT
8. CMC: Bill Gash reported both Electric Boat and Dept. of the Navy have filed appeals to New York's objection disposing of dredged material in eastern LIS. Will have a decision in approximately 60 days. He also noted that vessel count is up due to tankers coming in to fill up tanks.

Having no old business (9) nor public comment (10) a motion by Commissioner Zinn was made to move into executive session to discuss Gateway proposals and other various parcel values. Chair Defossess made a motion to invite into Executive Session Attorney Marc Wallman, Judith Sheiffele and Al Paolillo. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Drax.

Following discussion, Commissioner Matt DeFossess moved to leave Executive Session. Commissioner Drax seconded. Commissioner DeFossess entertained a motion to adjourn and was so moved by Commissioner Drax and seconded by Commissioner Zinn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm