

NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING – March 3, 2022

This was an entirely remote meeting.

Chairman Abbagnaro called the Annual Meeting of the New Haven Port Authority to order at 5:33 PM.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair; Patricia Drax, Treasurer; Matt Desfosses; Joey Wraithwall; Chuck Mascola; Jody Ortiz*; Giovanni Zinn*

Staff Present: Sally Kruse; Judi Sheiffele

Counsel: Carolyn Kone - Brenner, Saltzman & Wallman

Public: Bill Gash - Connecticut Maritime Coalition; Sal Punzo – New Haven Board of Alders (Mr. Punzo left meeting early)

AGENDA

MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 3, 2022. Commissioner Drax provided minor changes. The amended minutes of the February 3, 2022, Annual Meeting were unanimously approved by all Commissioners.

FINANCIAL REPORT

2. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending January 31, 2022. 3. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for January 31, 2022 (STIF Account) and February 28, 2022 (Citizen's Bank Accounts). Treasurer Drax reported on interest activity for the STIF account in January 2022, the Profit and Loss for January 2022, the Balance Sheet for January 2022, and the Citizen's Bank money market account in February 2022. Treasurer Drax found all accounts to be in good order. Upon a motion by Commissioner Mascola, seconded by Commissioner Ortiz, the Financial Report was accepted by unanimous vote of all Commissioners.

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

ADDITION OF NEW ITEM OF BUSINESS TO AGENDA

Chairman Abbagnaro made a motion to add an item of new business to the agenda, being a letter of authorization by the licensee of Parcel C to the NHPA to discuss construction of a warehouse on that parcel by a third party (sublessor of property). Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion and addition of the item to the agenda was unanimously approved by all Commissioners.

Authorization for Chairman Abbagnaro to sign the letter as drafted with Attorney Kone's edits or a substantially similar letter prior to the April meeting. - The text of the letter was quickly reviewed and

then Attorney Kone indicated some proposed revisions. After discussion and at the request of counsel, Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to authorize his signature on the letter as drafted with Attorney Kone's edits or a substantially similar letter in advance of the next Board meeting. Commissioner Ortiz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by all Commissioners.

*Commissioners Zinn and Ortiz left the meeting at 5:57 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Nomination/Election of Officers – no nominations were made

6. New Board member selection and approval - After discussion, a plan was formulated that Attorney Kone would communicate vacant Board positions to the mayor, with suggested members' resumes.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Letter of thanks to Rosa DeLauro - Chairman Abbagnaro and Commissioner Drax provided an editorial comment after which the letter was deemed ready to send out.

UPDATES

Connecticut Maritime Coalition- Mr. Gash reported that the Connecticut Pilot's Commission had recruited three (3) more apprentice pilots to the training program, totaling four (4) pilots in training at the time of the meeting. In addition, the January Shipping Report was discussed.

Connecticut Port Authority – Ms. Kruse reported that construction activities on the State Pier are moving faster than previously now that the permits have been received. Ms. Sheiffele reported on a portion of CPA's legislative agenda includes changes to the "extension of route" policy regarding the pilots which changes the requirements for going into the western LIS, which will allow more pilots to qualify for bringing vessels into Bridgeport.

ACOE – Channel Deepening Project - Ms. Kruse reported on a conversation with Craig Martin of the ACOE, the project manager for the channel deepening project. Mr. Martin reported that the appropriated funds have not been released yet but had begun to work developing the schedules and had been in contact with the Connecticut Port Authority, who will serve as local sponsor for the project. His current expectation is that the work will be performed during the 2024 dredging season.

New Haven Marine Group – Ms. Kruse reported that the USCG warned participants of the New Haven Marine Group to be alert due to overseas hostilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

135 Fulton Terrace/54 Edgemere Street Development – Terms sheet for proposed Development Agreement was sent to developer and a conference call will be set up to discuss.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. To discuss strategy and negotiations regarding pending litigation to which the New Haven Port Authority is a party. An executive session was deemed unnecessary for this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Commissioner Desfosses, seconded by Commissioner Drax, (Commissioners Abbagnaro, Drax, Desfosses, Wraithwall, and Mascola voting aye), Chairman Abbagnaro adjourned the meeting at 6:22 pm