

**NEW HAVEN PORT AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES**

**#183**

**REGULAR MEETING – November 3, 2022**

This was an entirely remote meeting.

Chairman Abbagnaro called the Regular Meeting #183 of the New Haven Port Authority (NHPA) to order at 5:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: John Abbagnaro, Chair; Tom Cavaliere, Treasurer; Giovanni Zinn\*, Sal Punzo\*\*

Staff Present: Sally Kruse

**AGENDA**

**MINUTES**

**1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 6, 2022.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 24, 2022**

No comments were provided. Upon a motion by Commissioner Abbagnaro, seconded by Commissioner Punzo, the minutes of the October 6, 2022 Regular Meeting and the October 24, 2022 Special Meeting were unanimously approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**3. Review of Bank Statements and Reconciliations for October 31, 2022 (Citizens Bank accounts). 4. Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for period ending October 31, 2022 (not including STIF interest).** Treasurer Cavaliere reported on interest activity for the Citizens Bank Money Market account for the period ending October 31, 2022, the Profit and Loss for October 2022 (not including the STIF Interest), and the Fiscal YTD Balance Sheet for the period ending October 31, 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.

**5. Expenditures requiring Board approval.** There were no expenditures requiring Board approval during October 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. Election of Vice-Chair.** Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to elect Commissioner Punzo to the position of Vice-Chair. Commissioner Zinn seconded the motion and Commissioner Punzo was elected to the position of Vice-Chair by unanimous vote of all commissioners present at the meeting.

**8. December Board Meeting Date.** Because the Executive Director will be attending a conference on the first Thursday of December 2022 the Board discussed moving the meeting date. After discussion, the Commissioners present decided to move the meeting date by one week to 5:30 p.m. on December 8, 2022. At this time, the Commissioners discussed a potential change to the regular meeting date and time to be implemented if desired by the Commissioners. The NHPA By-Laws currently state that the

meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month, so that prior to changing the regular meeting day, the Board must first vote to amend the By-laws.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**6. Parcels 1,4,5,6** – The Board discussed these proposed port area purchases and the necessary next steps and path forward for making the purchases. Chairman Abbagnaro spoke in favor of purchasing the parcels and moved to approve the purchase. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fabiani and passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to enter Executive Session with all Commissioners and staff present at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Punzo, and the board and staff moved into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. with all Commissioners present voting in favor.

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

**10. 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).**

\* Commissioner Zinn left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

\*\* Commissioner Punzo left the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

## **UPDATES**

Connecticut Maritime Coalition - there were no updates to from the Connecticut Maritime Coalition.

Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) –The COA did not vote on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Army Corps of Engineers during their October Board meeting. CPA is currently working with the Bond Commission regarding the funding.

Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)- Channel Deepening Project – The ACOE is prepared to execute the MOU with CPA.

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No additional items were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Abbagnaro moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Cavaliere seconded the motion, which was approved by all Commissioners present at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.