

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 8, 2020

Municipal Building
Virtual Meeting
6:30 p.m.

In response to State of Connecticut Executive Order No. 7B “Protection of Public Health and Safety During Covid-19 Pandemic and Response – Further Suspension or Modification of Statutes”, dated March 14, 2020, suspending in-person open meeting requirements, all public meetings will be closed to the public at this time.

Chairperson Austin-LaFrance called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

- I. ROLL CALL: In person: Chairperson Robert Austin-LaFrance, Mark Maugle, and Richard Burke
- II. Excused: Anthony Chirillo
Via Zoom/Telephone: Bill Gaynor and Harbor Master, Jeff Dziedzic
Staff: Present in room: Carlton Smith, City Clerk Debra Patrick and Mayor’s Admin Jill
Guests via Zoom/Telephone: Paul Wiseman, Pfizer Representative
- II. MINUTES
Review/approve minutes of September 10, 2020 meeting.

Bill Gaynor moved Mark Maugle seconded
Minutes were approved as edited by voice vote.
- III. CITIZEN’S PETITIONS
None.
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Status: Harbormaster report on recent activities
Jeff Dziedzic reported 2 sailboats that were anchored off the Bluff Point are now on the shore as result of the winds from the most recent storm. He said they are uninsured and DEEP is looking into the matter.
He said he is looking into having a marker put in Bakers Cove across from Chapman’s where a boat has been sunk for a number of years. The Town of Groton is taking the lead on it.
He reported the No Wave marker has been installed by EB.
 - b) Docko, Pine Island Marina Mooring Transfers
Chairperson Austin-LaFrance said he was still looking for a legal opinion from their attorney.
Mr. Smith said he has reached out to Mike Grzywinski, CT DEEP to see if this has been done before.

There was discussion to follow up with Pine Island Marina on the COP to DEEP and check with Steve Karlson on the opinion from their attorney.

V. NEW BUSINESS

CT DEEP, COP Pfizer Building Demolition and Revetment Repair

Paul Wiseman, Pfizer said Building #109, the former salt water pump house has not been used for some time now and is to be demolished.

Chair Austin-LaFrance said the application is for the removal of the cement slab, he asked what is sticking out of the water in the drawings.

Mr. Wiseman said they will remove the cement slab and repair the revetment and it will as though nothing was there.

R. Burke asked about a specific drawing that is a profile of completed job, rip rap, 2 platforms and the upper appears to be concrete, what is the material is the lower one made of.

Mr. Wiseman said it is a crushed stone barrier.

R. Burke asked what is beneath it, holding the crushed stone up.

Mr. Wiseman said the crushed stone is the base, the sea bottom was cut into and the stone will remain. The piles go through the sea floor through the stone and bedrock. It will all remain so as not to disturb the river bed.

Chair Austin-roLaFrance said so what is below is essentially mud, will the steel beams remain of be cut.

Mr. Wiseman said anything that goes through the slab will remain.

Chair Austin-LaFrance asked what the life expectancy for the I-beams and slab.

Mr. Wiseman went over the procedure of when the slab was put in.

There was some discussion over concerns of the life of the steel.

Chair Austin-LaFrance asked if there was a consensus that this activity is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

All members agreed by voice that it is.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 6:59 pm.

Robert Austin-LaFrance, Chairperson