

**Unapproved Westbrook Harbor Management Commission**

**Special Meeting – March 12, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

**North Conference Room, Mulvey Center**

**Call to order**

Vice Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge**

Mr. Farrell led the pledge.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Mike Farrell, Co-Chairman; Gary Nolf; Brian Faucher; Bill Angelini; Evan Cusson; Ron Stevenson; Keith Rich; Gerri Lewis, Clerk

**Absent:** John Rie; Len Mierzejewski, Harbormaster;

**Guests:** Noel Bishop, First Selectman; J.H. Torrance Downes, CRERPA; Reeves Potts, Pilots Point Marina; Gary Gavigan

**Minutes –Will be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Dredging Update:**

Mike Farrell reported to the commission that he met with the ACOE on March 8, 2012. Mr. Farrell reported that the ACOE is currently working with Ct. Maritime Committee/ Joe Salvatore for \$1 million dollars in state funding and discussion went as follows:

- Cost of project \$1.4 to \$1.5 million for approximately 34K cubic yards; disposed at Cornfield Shoales;
- Current permits are still appropriate;
- Going out to bid June 1, 2012; cannot advertise until funding in place;
- Aiming for October 1, 2012 start date;

Mr. Farrell brought the maps with him so the commission could discuss the dredging areas and issues of moving boats.

Jack Karalius noted possible issues:

- Submarine utilities; Mr. Riggio will contact Call Before You Dig;

- Outlined the location of docks and pilings that may need to be removed; Bob Connell will discuss with Rives Potts;
- Contractor will need area for staging, trailer placement, etc.

At this time, Mike introduced Torrance Downes from CRERPA. There was a discussion at the last meeting and all agreed to have Torrance act as coordinator of The Harbor Management Plan for Westbrook. Mr. Farrell asked for a motion to this effect;

A motion to have Torrance Downes coordinate the Westbrook Harbor Management Plan was made by Brian Faucher and seconded by Bill Angelini and it was so VOTED unanimously.

Mr. Downes noted that there would be not cost to the commission as he is able to obtain funding. Mr. Downes brought 4 tables of contents, each covering different issues and from different towns. The following discussion took place and a short discussion was had:

- Harbormaster duties be defined;
- Funding i.e., statutes;
- Harbormaster in Norwalk – Mike Griffin – very knowledgeable – similar plan;
- Harbormaster is political appointment; Send 3 choices to Governor;
- Zones – i.e., Beaches, Harbor, River;
- Harbor Management goals;
- Historical background;

The commission asked if the selectman would notify Rob Hart to see if he would attend the next meeting. There being no further business, Mr. Farrell asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. was made by Mr. Faucher and seconded by Mr. Angelini and was so VOTED unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Gerri Lewis, Clerk