

WATERFRONT AND HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MINUTES OF MEETING

The Waterfront and Harbor Management Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 14 2021 in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

Presiding: Chairman Ed Scinto

Commissioners in attendance: Jonathan Ackley, Scott Corner, Ed Scinto, Britt Hughes. Bill Rock, David Schrader, Thomas Galvin Cotter, Jessica Robbins, Henry Halverson

Others in attendance: Administrator Geof Steadman, Deputy Harbor Master Tom Fahy

1. Call to Order: By Chairman Ed Scinto at 6:32pm.
2. Approval of Minutes — Minutes of June 9, 2021. Mr. Ackley motioned to approve the foregoing minutes. Mr. Rock seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
3. Permits and Reviews
 - A. Platypus Partners – 60 Beach Drive, 40 Beach Drive, 24 Washington Parkway – application for review of coastal site plan

Chairman Scinto called Doug Grabe of Stonewall Lane Fairfield, CT, principle/applicant, to the podium to hear his presentation re: the foregoing coastal site plan application. He reviewed the previously distributed application. He submitted the publication “Seawall Park” as an exhibit.

The following residents addressed the WFHM Commissioners re: the foregoing application.

- David Driscall, 59 Jefferson Street (submitted exhibit for the record)
- Eleanore McAuliffe, 196 Jefferson Street
- Gary Nelson, 76 West Hillside Avenue
- Ann Farris, 122 Maple Street (submitted exhibit for the record)
- William Chiarenzelli, 88 First Avenue (submitted exhibit for the record)
- Mary Cotter, 226 First Avenue
- Daryl Rathbum, 37 First Avenue
- Sara Kerilla. 353 First Avenue

WFHM Commissioners posed questions and concerns to Mr. Grabe

Mr. Cotter motioned to recess the meeting. Mr. Rock seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The WFHMC meeting recessed: 8:05pm. The WFHMC meeting reconvened: 8:35pm.

Mr. Scinto accepted a motion from Mr. Cotter seconded by Mr. Ackley as follows:

- (1) The WFHMC is not able to make a favorable recommendation concerning the proposed project due to concerns regarding the potential impact of the proposed uses on the existing and traditional quality of life in adjacent and nearby residential areas and on opportunities for general public use of Seawall Park.
- (2) Specifically, the WFHMC is concerned about (i) The potential noise and other nuisance impacts reasonably anticipated to be associated with an outdoor entertainment venue providing amplified music, and (ii) The adequacy of available parking spaces to accommodate patrons of the proposed use without causing traffic congestion and diminishing the availability of parking spaces for general public use of Seawall Park.

- (3) The WFHMC finds the proposed project is inconsistent with the quality of life and public access provisions of the Harbor Management Plan.

The motion for the unfavorable recommendation passed unanimously.

- B. 214 Benton Street - application for review of coastal site plan

Mr. Scinto accepted a motion from Mr. Cotter seconded by Mr. Ackley to place the foregoing application on the table. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence - none

5. Committee Reports

Mr. Scinto accepted a motion from Mr. Cotter seconded by Mr. Corner to suspend the reports for items 5. A through M below and item 6. Harbor Master's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Plans and Recommendations
- B. Dredging Update
- C. Vessel Maintenance
- D. Ramp Maintenance
- E. Finance
- F. Information and Technology
- G. Special Events
- H. Municipal Pier
- I. Bonds Dock
- J. State and Regional Organizations
- K. Fire Rescue dock extension
- L. Army Engine Plant Waterfront Development
- M. Investigate Seawall

6. Harbor Master's Report

7. Old Business

Naming the seawall after the Sammis family. Mr. Steadman cited the community involvement and community accomplishments for several generations of the Sammis family.

Mr. Scinto accepted a motion from Mr. Schrader seconded by Mr. Corner to refer naming of the Seawall after the Sammis family to the Town Council with favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business - None

9. Other Business - None

10. Adjournment - There being no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Ackley to adjourn the meeting at 8:49pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Cabral

Carol Cabral, Secretary