

Housatonic River Estuary Commission (HREC)

Representing the towns of Shelton, Milford, Orange, Stratford, Derby, and Ansonia CT.

DRAFT – HREC Minutes

Regular meeting of the Housatonic River Estuary Commission (HREC)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014 - 6:30 PM , Parson Complex, Milford, CT

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Bob Gesullo at 1830 hours.

Members present:

Scott Corner – Member-at-Large

Eric Tashlein - Orange

Lori Romick, Vice Chair - Milford

2. No one from the public was present.

3. Although there was a quorum, the November 2013 and the September 2014 minutes were not voted on.

4. Finance report - Website bill was paid. The account balance is approximately \$5,000.00.

5. Website update –

There are changes to be made on the website. Bill Rohland was e-mailed and the changes requested. Lori will remind him. Bob reported that Bill would like to remain on the Commission at this time but would like someone else to update the website. Scott agreed to contact the IT person in Stratford to see if they would be willing to update the website.

6. Membership update –

Bob try to contact Ansonia but had no response.

Bob will call Bill Urban directly (203-735-2341) and ask him for a letter of resignation.

Bill Rock requested to return to the commission. All members agreed that this would be good as

Bill had a good attendance record in the past. He would have to be officially appointed by the Mayor.

Ed Scinto is currently the Harbor Commission Chair and also the HREC appointed member but he works evenings and will not be able to attend meetings.

7. Year-end report -

A motion was made by Eric to accept the 2014 year-end Report as drafted and this was seconded by Scott. Lori will e-mail the report out to the towns.

8. Town outreach –

Milford –

USPS, Bob Post, requested a presentation on the water quality and the new watershed group.

Sacred heart University has implemented the shoreline stabilization research project that HREC supported. Reef balls have been installed along the DuPont (former Remington) site and marsh grasses have been replanted. This is a two-year pilot study.

Lori reported that she has been invited to join the CT Audubon Milford Coastal Point Center board.

Stratford -

Sacred Heart will be replacing correct signs at the reef study site. Shelton is getting the old Stratford fire boat. Milford has a new Police boat. The Stratford pump-out boat had its busiest year. Funds will be needed for a new boat maybe next year. The commercial pier in Stratford still moving slowly. There are additional areas in the river that still need dredging. The old army plant has had sediment testing before its' sale to a development company.

The light tower at the end of the eastern breakwater at the mouth of the river was washed away and needs to be replaced. It is technically in Milford's waters. Lori will ask the Harbor Commission to work with the US Coast Guard. Bob will check with USGC to see if it is on a list for replacement.

Orange -

Eric offered assistance with helping in Orange and Milford if there were any suggestions.

Shelton -

Bob had nothing new to report

9. 2015 schedule was reviewed and approved.

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Milford, at the Parson's Complex 70 West River Street, 2nd floor
Conference Room B (near Finance)

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Shelton, at the Community Center, Craft Room 3, 41 Church Street

Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Milford, at the Parson's Complex 70 West River Street, 2nd
floor Conference Room B (near Finance)

Due to holidays, the following meeting is scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month:

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 at 6:30 PM in Shelton, at the Community Center, Room 3, 41 Church St.

Bob will reserve the room in Shelton.

Meeting adjourned at 1920 hours.

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Lori Romick, Vice Chair, Milford, lromick@optonline.net, 203-214-4637

Eric Tashlein, Orange

William Rohland, Derby

Scott Corner, Member-at-Large

William Urban, Ansonia,

(Vacant), Stratford