

**ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**  
**29 West Avenue**  
**Essex, CT 06426**

**THURSDAY, January 26, 2012 Regular Meeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jeff Going called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Jeff Going, Chairman

Walter Wiegert, Treasurer

Joe Zaraschi, Member

Earl Fowler, Alternate seated for Wally Schieferdecker

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Buddy Hitchcock, proposed Deputy Harbor Master

Doug Domenie, Dauntless Shipyard

Alan Field, member of the public

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

**MOTION – JOE ZARASCHI MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS, JEFF GOING, CHAIRMAN, WALLY SCHIEFERDECKER, VICE CHAIRMAN AND WALTER WIEGERT, TREASURER; EARL FOWLER SECONDED  
4-0-0 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. MINUTES – December Meeting

**MOTION – WALTER WIEGERT MOVED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER MINUTES WITH UPDATE SINCE THE LAST MEETING ADDED BY PAUL RIGGIO, ALTHOUGH THE COAST GUARD BELIEVES GARY REYNOLDS IS NO LONGER HARBOR MASTER IN LYME, DAVID ROSSITER OF DOT AND MANAGER OF THE HARBOR MASTERS STATED THAT GARY REYNOLDS IS CURRENTLY HARBOR MASTER,EARL FOWLER SECONDED;  
4-0-0 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Domenie of Dauntless Shipyard and Marina wanted to express his concern about the width of the channel as referenced in the Harbor Management Plan which states a 60' channel with 15 ' setbacks one each side. His concern would be any vessels being staged perpendicular to the channel with the strong current. Jeff Going stated that this item is on the agenda further down for discussion but that he appreciated Mr. Domenie's concern.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer Walter Wiegert distributed the December Treasurer's Report and reviewed it with the Commission. In response to a question from Mr. Domenie, Mr. Wiegert explained that Middle Cove Marina had joined the business consortium and paid any back amounts due. The last invoices will be sent out in April although Mr. Wiegert would be happy to forward that invoice to Mr. Domenie sooner.

**MOTION – JOE ZARASCHI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT AS SUBMITTED, EARL FOWLER SECONDED  
3-0-1 MOTION APPROVED, WALTER WIEGERT ABSTAINED**

Walter Wiegert listed the following submitted invoices for payment

Clerk \$ 281.10

Town postage \$ 26.40

Coastline Survey – post dredge survey \$ 2911.00

USPS – 500 stamped, addressed envelopes \$ 261.95

**MOTION – WALTER WIEGERT MOVED TO PAY THE SUBMITTED INVOICES, EARL FOWLER SECONDED  
4-0-0 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Mooring renewal update from the wait list

MAIN Pinkowish and DeLisa (sabbaticals last year)

Birch, Field, Marsh, Carlucci, LaChapelle, Barnaby, Davidson, Houchin and Essex  
Corinthian (2)

MEADOWS – Felleman and Kressley offered moorings

Paul Riggio reported the most recent update with Birch, Carlucci, Barnaby and Marsh taking sabbaticals, and Kressley deciding that he liked his North Cove mooring so he would like to be taken off the Meadows Wait List; Reinbeck will be sent a mooring application. Jeff Going said he and Paul Would review the harbor layout one more time in March to see if there are any additional changes to be made.

Received Requests for sabbaticals 2012:

Birch

Carlucci

Barnaby

Main Wait list update – add John Kolb 23 foot power

**MOTION – WALTER WIEGERT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE SABBATICAL REQUESTS FOR BIRCH, CARLUCCI AND BARNABY AND TO ADD JOHN KOLB TO THE MAIN ANCHORAGE WAIT LIST. THE WAIT LIST WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY; JOE ZARASCHI SECONDED  
4-0-0 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

### A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Walter Wiegert reported a conversation he had with Robert Dixon Town Treasurer regarding the disposition of the capital project funds. The treasurer suggested that the funds be kept as seed money for any upcoming capital projects. Jeff Going reported that he had a conversation with Kelly Sterner, Assistant Treasurer regarding the line item in the General Fund budget which is considered a "sinking fund". Jeff would recommend to the Commission that they vote to keep the sinking fund in the General Fund and request a \$ 5,000 a year contribution.

**MOTION – WALTER WIEGERT MOVED TO REQUEST THAT THE TOWN OF ESSEX CONTINUE FUNDING THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT GENERAL FUND LINE ITEM AT \$ 5,000.00 PER YEAR, EARL FOWLER SECONDED  
4-0-0 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

#### Harbor Patrol boat

Jeff Going met with Norm Needleman, First Selectman and Resident Trooper Kerrie Taylor regarding the harbor patrol boat. Jeff had raised questions regarding the CT River Museum being paid \$ 3000 for dockage for the patrol boat as it is not consistent with the Museum's dock permit. Jeff suggested to Jerry Roberts, Director of the Museum that he write to DEEP and ask for a one time exemption for docking the town harbor patrol boat. Jeff spoke to Norm and Kerrie regarding the necessity of boat visibility during the boating season. The Harbor Commission is not as concerned with issuing tickets but is interested in activities such as pulling a child on a tube in the channel being stopped. He also explained that the Commission felt it very important that the harbor patrol boat be accessible during storms and not stored at the town garage. He believes there are a number of protected locations that the boat can be moved to such as Dauntless Shipyard. The Resident Trooper felt that the previous history of sending a driver and an assistant out each time the boat rolls is important. Jeff would like to schedule a tour of the harbor so town lines, cove depths etc can be reviewed with the drivers.

Jeff discussed the above meeting details with the Harbor Commission. The Commission members added their own concerns. There was discussion as to whether the drives of the boat actually have six-pack licenses. Earl Fowler believes there is a federal regulation requiring that anyone taking a passenger is required to be licensed. He will research the regulation. There was discussion regarding the Harbor Commission contributing some money toward the running of the boat. The Commission was not opposed to contributing but wanted to see a proposed schedule of time on the water and perhaps even waiting until mid-season to be sure that the patrol boat is on the water during times of peak need and traffic on the river. Jeff will draft a letter to the First Selectman and Resident Trooper and distribute it for Commission review prior to it being sent.

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS – Sinatra letters

Jeff Going and Paul Riggio both independently spoke with Joe Budrow the Town Wetland's officer regarding the Sinatra's concern. The day Mr. Budrow went to inspect the property the river level was up so high the access way was under water. There was discussion regarding this being the wettest year on record and the fact that the river had been running very high. The water observed seemed to be coming up from the river. That may mean the Sinatra's should seek a wetland's permit to raise the level of their property in the identified low area. Consensus of the Commission and they believe of Mr. Budrow is that this issue should be revisited after the wet season ends.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. NEW BUSINESS

Carlisle – dock application- no consultation form required

There was some discussion of the Carlisle dock application. A number of questions were raised that the Commission would like to review with the engineer. Jeff Going will call DEEP and let them know that the Commission wants more information from the engineer. The Commission Clerk will contact the engineer and ask that he attend the next meeting.

Channel size – reference Harbor Management Plan

The Commission reviewed Figure 7 in the Essex Harbor Management Plan and discussed the 60 foot wide channel figure with a 15 foot setback. The real concern is the narrowing of the egress into the marinas. Note was made of the strong current that runs through the channel. The consensus of the Commission was to invite Essex Boat Works to the next meeting to discuss their plans and the Commission's concerns. Jeff Going will call Essex Boat Works.

11. OLD BUSINESS

12. ADJOURNMENT

<b>MOTION – JOE ZARASCHI MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 p.m.</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert