

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 WEST AVENUE
ESSEX, CT 06426

Regular Meeting, Thursday August 15, 2013

1. **Call to order**

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

2. **Attendance**

Jeff Going, Chairman
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Joe Zaraschi
Earl Fowler was seated for John Senning

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Ruth Hockert, Clerk
Cy Libby

3. **Minutes 7/13/201**

Motion - Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Minutes as submitted, Earl Fowler seconded 3-0-0 motion passed unanimously
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4. **Public comment**

Moses Liebermann asked if there was an update on his position on the Wait List. It was explained that the Commission could better answer that after the season was over, when they had determined who had not used their mooring and how many new spots there would be for the next season.

5. **Financial Report- tabled until next meeting**

6. **Harbor Master Report**

Wait List – add Robert Muggleston - North Cove 19.5 ft centerboard sailboat
Mr. Auperin will be on the wait list, as he is not a property owner according to the land records.

There was some discussion about whether signage should be added at the Main Street ramp so that folks would not use the north side (this came up after the Fire Department drill earlier in the week). Consensus was no more signage.

7. **Harbor Management Business**

- A. Capital projects/funding
 - Rock Pile removal
- B. Harbor Management Issues
 - Review updated Harbor Policies
 - Town Access Ways
 - Town Park - Rick Audet, Director, Park and Recreation Dept. is moving forward on doing alterations to the bulkhead area of the Town Park

Novelty Lane – The Town Crew has cleaned up the Novelty Lane public access way.

- C. Review Commission Clerk job responsibilities – the Clerk’s responsibilities had been distributed to Commission members. Joe Zaraschi discussed the Clerk having some type of computer available at meetings to resolve any questions. The present Clerk stated that she felt the Commission should purchase an inexpensive computer and provide it so that the information was available but also so that Commission information was not put onto a personal computer as the Commission files take up a fair amount of space. In addition any computer with Commission information on it could be accessed by the Freedom of information Commission should a problem arise. Jeff Going had spoken with Kelly Sterner in the Treasurer’s Office who also acts as a Human Resource contact. She will advertise the position.
- 8. Correspondence –**
A statement from Dauntless Shipyard and Marina was received but there was not enough information for action to be taken. Cy Libby will research the statement.
- 9. New Business**
Appointee from Essex update- Wally Schieferdecker has done further research and believes the organization is fading. He will continue to look for a representative but does not want to get someone “fired up” to work on the organization only to find that it is fading.
- 10. Old Business**
The commission needs to research buoy resources, the company previously used has gone out of business.

Cy Libby reports that he has been handing out railroad bridge complaint forms. It is difficult to know how many individuals bother to complete them. Paul Riggio reports his experiences have been positive with the bridge operators aware of the 20 minute regulation.
- 11. Adjournment**

Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert