

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



**Town of Essex
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426**

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 27, 2014**

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

Members Present

- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Terry Stewart, Alternate, Seated for John Senning
- Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
- Joe Zaraschi

Others Present

- Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina
- Buddy Hitchcock, Deputy Harbor Master
- Cy Libby, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina
- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk
- Keith Neilson, Docko, Inc.
- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
- Rob Shickel, Consultant

Jeff welcomed Terry Stewart, who is replacing Buddy Hitchcock as an alternate on the Harbor Management Commission.

3. Approval of 2/27/14 Meeting Minutes

The February 27, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the February 27, 2014 meeting minutes with no changes. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion; 3-0-0 motion approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Walter Wiegert reviewed the March Treasurer's Report with the Commission.

Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to accept the March Treasurer's Report. Terry Stewart seconded the motion; 2-0-1 motion approved; Walter Wiegert abstained.

Walter presented two invoices for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$251.00 for March 2014 Clerk services;
- Gilman Corporation - \$5,049 for three buoys.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the invoices as presented. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

6. Harbor Master Report

Harbor Master Paul Riggio provided an update on the 2014 mooring permit renewals and wait list. Applications have been mailed to the people on the wait list who will have mooring positions this year.

Jeff Going extended his appreciation to Walter Wiegert for researching and responding to an inquiry regarding a probate issue on behalf of someone who had passed about the status of a boat/mooring in the harbor.

7. Harbor Management Business

- **Parkinson Application**

Rob Shickel presented a Harbor Management Commission DEEP Permit Consultation Form and drawings describing a project on behalf of Elizabeth Parkinson, 33 Foxboro Road, Essex, for construction of a walkway on her property. There are no utilities involved. It is before the Harbor Management Commission as part of the DEEP application process asking whether or not the project is in the scope of the harbor management plan.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved that the Harbor Management Commission finds the project acceptable as presented. Terry Stewart seconded the motion; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Jeff Going signed off on the application.

- **Gilman Update**

The marks have been delivered to Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina and are awaiting placement. They will be placed as discussed, replacing A, B & D. The lettering will be obtained from Gilman.

- **Capital Projects:** None.
- **Town Access Ways**
 - **Bushnell Park**

Twenty-five small vessel registrations have been received to date. Paul Riggio and Joe Zaraschi will work on putting in a third storage rack at Bushnell Park. Joe Zaraschi suggested charging people for storage in addition to the recovery fee if they don't claim their vessels at the end of the season.

Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved that once a vessel owner has been notified that their vessel has been removed from Bushnell Park, they have 10 calendar days to remove their vessel from storage or they will begin to incur a \$75 per month storage fee from the date the vessel was confiscated, payable to the Harbor Management Commission. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

- **Abandoned Vessel Auction:** No update.

The property at the end of Mack Lane related to public access was discussed. Paul Riggio stated that the property owners are interested in making some improvements and are seeking input from the Harbor Management Commission for a proposal that would be submitted to the Town. The Commission suggested that they would like to see something where physical access would be improved from the slope that is there now with landscaping and plantings appropriate for a waterfront site.

Foxboro Plans

The agenda was rearranged to allow Keith Neilson's presentation next. Keith presented a revised concept for the Foxboro Point project based on feedback from the Harbor Management Commission on the plans presented at the January meeting. The changes were reviewed and discussed.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve Concept G, 3-18-14 as presented. Terry Stewart seconded the motion; 3-0-0- motion unanimously approved.

8. Correspondence: None

9. New Business

The April meeting schedule was discussed in light of the anticipated parking problem due the public hearing scheduled on the same date as the Harbor Management Commission meeting. Members decided to keep the meeting date and time the same as the regularly scheduled meeting.

Members of the Commission have been approached by Susan Malan for suggestions on bringing in the wooden boats for the Reenactment of the Burning of the Fleet on May 10. Paul Riggio is attending their next meeting.

10. Old Business

Paul Riggio was contacted by DEP regarding a complaint about docks clustered in Middle Cove with a derrick in the air. DEP has given the people responsible verbal notification to remove them.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk