

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



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

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 22, 2014
Meeting Room A**

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

- Earl Fowler, Alternate
- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
- John Senning
- 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
- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk
- Keith Neilson, Docko, Inc.
- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
- Richard Windatt, Guest

Terry Stewart was seated for John Senning until his arrival.

3. Approval of 4/24/14 Meeting Minutes

The April 24, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the April 24, 2014 meeting minutes as written. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Walter Wiegert reviewed the May 22, 2014 Treasurer's Report with the Commission.

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved to accept the May 22, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion; 3-0-1 motion approved; Walter Wiegert abstained.

Walter presented two invoices for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$251.00 for May 2014 Clerk services.
- Richard Riggio & Sons, Inc. - \$506.44 for dinghy rack parts.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the invoices as presented. Wally Schieferdecker seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

6. Harbor Master Report

Harbor Master Paul Riggio provided the Harbor Master Report as follows.

- The Boat Club moorings that are in the water now have been inspected.
- There are three in the water at Pettipaug that haven't been inspected.
- The sandbags were delivered and removed for the May 9, 2014 Burning of the Fleet boat landings.
- Paul spent two hours at the prosecutor's office in Middletown on May 21, 2014 regarding the upcoming Hargrove matter, which goes to trial on Wednesday, May 28, 2014. Certified documents that were requested from the Town on this matter have been obtained.
- 2014 Wait List Renewals have been processed and the new list is being finalized.
- We received one new Wait List request: Robert Robertson, Main, check dated 5/15/14.

Note: Terry Stewart was unseated for John Senning at this point in the meeting upon John Senning's arrival.

7. Harbor Management Business

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

Forty-four small vessel registrations have been received to date, and there are about 25 boats there now.

- **Abandoned Vessel Auction**

John Senning noted that the auction had been rescheduled for the latter part of July but due to a notice issue will not take place as quickly as planned.

- **Mack Lane**

The planned septic systems repairs within the public access way at 36 Mack Lane were discussed. Paul noted that Shoreline Sanitation did a scan which confirmed that three fourths of the septic system is in the public access way, which proves that was the intent for the easement that was given. Work will begin in June and the area restored when the work is complete.

Walter Wiegert noted that he observed floating docks in Middle Cove on the former Irving property, now owned by Cordsen. Paul will check to see what they have for permits.

8. Correspondence

A copy of correspondence sent to Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute by Connecticut DEEP was received granting temporary authorization to install equipment in the Connecticut River to collect temperature, conductivity, pressure, current turbidity and sediment data as part of a research project.

Also, a brochure was received from Brewer Dauntless Shipyard and Marina.

9. New Business

Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina, provided some pictures demonstrating the need for some excavation repair work at Bushnell Street Park on the north side which would fall under a COP. The application is just getting started and the work is something that will probably be done sometime in the Fall.

Joe Zaraschi raised the issue of signage for the Town dock, which was also discussed last year. Joe and Paul Riggio will work on this.

10. Old Business

Keith Neilson, Docko, Inc. presented a plan representing the final survey conditions for the Windatt property on 13 Riverview Street in Essex. The plan is for the purpose of reorienting an existing floating dock facility to make the best use of the water on the site, and he is seeking a favorable review of the plan from the Harbor Management Commission before submitting a COP application. The plan was discussed, and Paul Riggio affirmed that this drawing accurately represents the conditions on the site.

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved that the Harbor Management Commission view the plan favorably for submission of the COP application with the limitation of 10' on the beam. John Senning seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

The Sciane Dock Proposal was discussed and concern about lighting was raised. Jeff will submit the DEEP Permit Consultation Form for Foxboro Point indicating that we agree with the proposal with the exception that we need to see a proposal on details for the lighting/power/water situation.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. John Senning seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk