

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



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

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 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
- Terry Stewart, Alternate
- Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
- Joe Zaraschi

Ex Officio Members Present

- Buddy Hitchcock, Deputy Harbor Master
- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Others Present

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk

Terry Stewart was seated for John Senning and Earl Fowler was seated for Wally Schieferdecker.

3. Approval of 8/28/14 Meeting Minutes

The August 28, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Earl Fowler moved to approve the August 28, 2014 meeting minutes. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

It was noted that Harbor Master Paul Riggio and Deputy Harbor Master Buddy Hitchcock are ex officio members of the Harbor Management Commission and should be listed accordingly in the minutes.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Walter Wiegert reviewed the September 25, 2014 Treasurer's report with the Commission.

Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to accept the September 25, 2014 Treasurer's Report. Earl Fowler seconded the motion; 3-0-1 motion approved; Walter Wiegert abstained.

Walter presented one invoice for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$258.49 for September 2014 Clerk Services.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the invoice as presented. Terry Stewart seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

An invoice was reviewed from Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina that was addressed to the Town of Essex. It was determined that this invoice does not belong to the Harbor Management Commission and will be returned to the First Selectmen's office.

6. Harbor Master Report

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

Wait List Request:

- Robert Osborn, Jr., Main, \$10 cash payment, Application dated 8/10/14.

A request was made by Robert Dixon for an extension of time to file his mooring permit renewal because he will be out of the country during the renewal period. The request was approved.

The Boston Whaler in North Cove that didn't have a permit has been removed.

Paul responded to Henry Dunn's letter about the mooring usage requirement. Mr. Dunn was told that he would be fine for the season because he communicated with the Commission about his situation. Paul also clarified with Mr. Dunn that the mooring usage requirement is not a new rule.

Changes to the 2015 mooring permit renewal application and cover letter were reviewed and discussed. There are two applications for mooring permits. One is for an initial mooring permit; the other is for mooring permit renewals.

The wait list was reviewed. Jonathan Morris and Aaron Ribchinsky, who are on the wait list for North Cove, and Charles Whelan on the wait list for South Cove, will be notified that they are no longer on the wait list because there is space available and will be sent mooring permit renewal applications for the 2015 season.

7. Harbor Management Business

The matter of the unoccupied moorings at the southern portion of the anchorage at Brewer Dauntless was discussed. According to our rules, Brewer stands to lose 10 to 12 moorings this year. Jeff Going and Paul Riggio will talk with Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina, about this and Doug will be invited to a Harbor Management Commission meeting to discuss the situation.

Jeff Going noted that the Commission needs to be thinking about reviewing and reexamining the Harbor Management Plan for updates.

Paul Riggio mentioned a proposal by the New England District, US Army Corps of Engineers to move from state General Permits to a New England General Permit, which would require written authorization from the Army Corps for mooring maintenance work. Paul will email some information about this to the Commission members after the meeting.

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

Joe Zaraschi noted that some of the signs for the town access ways are missing and need to be replaced.

A request for a prorated pricing schedule for small vessel permits was discussed. No change was made.

The landscaping situation at Bushnell Park still needs to be addressed. Otherwise, Bushnell Park has gotten a lot of good use this season and kept litter free.

8. Correspondence

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Old Business

None.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Terry Stewart seconded the motion; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk