

**Essex Harbor Management Commission
West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426**

April 28, 2011 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. Roll Call
Jeff Going, Chairman
Joe Zaraschi
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Earl Fowler seated for Wally Schefierdecker
John Senning
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Doug Domenie, Dauntless Shipyard

3. Minutes – March Meeting

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the Minutes as distributed, Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

4. Public Comment-
Doug Domenie asked what the date was put in the policy to remove the winter stick. The date is April 15. But there will be further discussion later in the meeting.

5. Financial Report
Walter Wiegert distributed the April Treasurer’s Report and reviewed it with the Commission.

**Motion – John Senning moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as distributed, Joe Zaraschi seconded
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained**

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the two invoices he received, the Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

Walter Wiegert paid the title searcher the previously approved \$ 450.00
Walter Wiegert transferred \$10,000 from the checking account to capital projects account
He will send out invoices to the partners

**Motion- John Senning moved that Walter Wiegert be authorized to transfer the \$ 10,000 from the checking account to the capital projects account and to transfer \$ 9334.00 from the MBIA account to the capital projects account so as to make the June payment to the Town. Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

6. Harbor Master Report

Paul Riggio has been busy inspecting moorings. Paul would like the Commission to consider making a policy that moorings be inspected not less than every two years. Jeff Going proposed that language be added that moorings holders should be responsible to have their moorings always maintained according the Commission standards.

Proposed language will be drafted for next meeting. One suggestion is to change to an inspection “at least” every two years. The specifications are referenced in the Harbor Management Plan.

Peter DeLisa called Paul Riggio asking for a sabbatical for this year. Paul explained that it late to be asking for a sabbatical.

Letter dated 4/21/2011 from Bob Bollo asking for a sabbatical. Again it is late to be asking for a sabbatical as the moorings have already been placed.

Doug Domenie said he is not setting a mooring for Robert Douglas. He did not use his mooring last year so the Commission will notify Mr. Douglas that he is losing his mooring for failure to use it.

That will leave two holes in the mooring field one for a 30 foot boat and a 34 foot boat.

The Commission will continue to work on a protocol for when sabbaticals come in late, how the moorings can be used.

There was discussion about when a mooring holder can request a sabbatical.

Letters will be sent to DeLisa and Bollo telling them it is too late

7. Harbor Management

Proposed Additional Harbor Policy (Winter Stick) – Joe Zaraschi reviewed the policy with the Commission.

Motion- John Senning moved to approve the policy as written except for two scrivener changes, Walter Wiegert seconded 5-0-0 motion was approved unanimously the policy will be adopted on 4/28 and notice will be sent out with the fall renewals; posted on website, and with town clerk

8. Correspondence- none
9. New Business- none
10. Old Business
 - A. Capital Projects Funding
 1. Harbor Dredging- no update
 - B. Harbor Management Issues
 - C. Town Access Ways Update

Bushnell – grants update, construction update, permit update
Today's Valley Courier had an article regarding the work being done at Bushnell; it will be incorporated into tonight's minutes

Grant update – Joe Zaraschi had the signed copy of the grant. A file will be established and held onto for 7 years per the grant.

Joe Zaraschi has the building permit for the observation deck and the permit will be given to Paul Riggio for posting during construction.

Motion – Joe Zaraschi moved the Commission authorize up to \$ 16000 in funds for the two racks, footings and materials for the observation deck grading and landscaping Walter Wiegert seconded. The funds will be taken from the MBIA Class general account 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

Joe Zaraschi gave a site update. The town crew has leveled the vegetation and pulled a stump. It is clean at the site. Chad Floyd contacted Philip Miller with a concern that the town is removing the barrier between his property and the town property. However, all work is being done on town property. If there are concerns Mr. Floyd should contact the Commission directly.

Joe Zaraschi said any vessels left on the rack were removed by the town crew. John Senning mentioned that there is an abandoned vessel policy that would need to be adhered to in order to sell the abandoned vessels. Boats with CT numbers have to run through DMV but Paul Riggio has access to that system as Harbor Master.

Joe Zaraschi asked Jeff Going about the swale at Bushnell. Jeff said it is an opportunity for the town to take care of a town problem.

The proposed sign language will be shortened up and put on the agenda for the next meeting

Novelty Lane

While Paul Riggio and Jeff Going were on Novelty Lane looking at the access way construction equipment was observed at 22 Racketts Lane. Jeff said there is no permit for a dock and float.

John Senning suggested that Jeff Going contact DEP in writing noticing them of the non-permitted dock work going on.

Lee Thompson sent Jeff Going an email today saying the EHMC should do what they want to do regarding Novelty Lane. EHMC is on the agenda for the May Selectmen's meeting. Jeff Going's position is that the land/ownership issues need to be straightened out. The installed drains in Mr. Lomme's wall are eroding the property. There was discussion regarding Novelty Lane

Paul Riggio will ask Anne Penniman to design the best plan for the property.

Motion - John Senning moved that Anne Penniman be asked for her best recommendation for the site, Joe Zaraschi seconded 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

- 11. Adjournment

Motion - Walter Wiegert moved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert, Clerk