

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

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
Jeff Going, Chairman
Earl Fowler seated for John Senning
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Joe Zaraschi
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Buddy Hitchcock, proposed Deputy Harbor Master

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

3. Minutes of the May meeting

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the Minutes of the May meeting as submitted, Earl Fowler seconded
5-0-0 motion carries unanimously**

4. Public Comment – none

5. Financial Report
Walter Wiegert distributed the Treasurer’s report and reviewed it with the Commission. There was discussion about consortium payments

**Motion - Earl Fowler moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
Walter Wiegert will double check who in the consortium has not paid before Wally Schieferdecker calls anyone.
The Commission will pay the town tonight
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained**

Financial report for Bushnell Park

Walter Wiegert reviewed the expenditures to date and those have been submitted for reimbursement to Pioneer Valley, the grant source.

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay clerk \$ 274.41; two invoices, Associated Dock \$ 200 and \$ 21.19
The balance of \$ 1200 is due to Associated Dock for buoy pulling and reinstallation; Joe Zaraschi seconded
4-0-1 motion approved Wally Schieferdecker abstaining**

6. Harbor Master

Two weeks ago there was an issue in the harbor. The David vessel dragged its mooring and hit Kirkpatrick's vessel. Both insured by the same company. Paul Riggio believes there was an entanglement on the mooring. Cy Libby has suggested a sentinel on Henry David's mooring and Mr. David has agreed and it has been installed. Paul talked about giving an advisory note to all mooring holders that high windage and severe thundershowers can cause additional issues.

Today Paul Riggio received a call from Cy Libby regarding Jim Rawn who is concerned about his inflatable being too close to the next mooring. Paul believes it is far enough away.

Cy Libby has received the two replacement buoys. He asked who is going to set the new buoys and the rock markers. Joe Zaraschi mentioned that he thinks the marker near Essex Yacht Club is further south than last year. Paul Riggio will check it. F may not be in its proper position either. Jeff Going suggested that Cy be authorized to set the rock markers and he be authorized to purchase inexpensive tackle. The buoys will be held in reserve until needed but the rock markers need to be installed.

Update regarding Mr. Dubey. The mooring was pulled and inspected but Paul Riggio told him he could not moor a boat on his mooring that he does not own. The mooring is currently out of the water.

Letter from Linda Dunscomb she will be sent a wait list application.

7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Harbor Dredging - Wally Schieferdecker spoke with Angus McDonald and the Army Corp is not ready to move forward on the dredge project

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Jeff Going spoke regarding the correspondence from DEP re: Ayotte Cheryl Chase apologized for not communicating with the Commission.

Wally Schieferdecker spoke regarding the park and recreation tree that is in the water near the ramp and dock off Main Street. Jeff Going asked Wally to call the tree warden Auggie Pampel.

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS UPDATE

Bushnell – update

Joe Zaraschi update on Bushnell, the vegetation mat is down; stone is in place, now the racks need to be put in place. Joe distributed a report. The town has a couple of truck loads of millings to lay down at the park. Joe needs to go down and get some vegetation barrier planted. Joe suggested putting vegetation mat and millings down under the observation deck. Joe also suggested a blue stone step at the end of the ramp. Jeff Going has a call into Dave Caroline regarding building the observation deck. Paul Riggio can coach the town crew through building the deck.

Joe has three sets of bills \$ 85 for the vegetation mat, Haynes Stone for \$ 143.79, Aiudi Concrete \$ 43.62

Computer Signs estimates \$ 64.00 for an 18 x 24 sign for Bushnell Park.
Joe ordering 2

Novelty Lane - update

Jeff Going got the permit application (to improve access way with STEAP grant funds) filed with the Zoning Office. Jeff went to the June Zoning Commission meeting; the application needs to go to the Wetlands Commission as well. The application is on the Wetlands Commission agenda for July 12. When the permit application was filled out Jeff was filling it out for the Commission who was filling out for the town so there should be no application fees. Lee Thompson wanted to know how much Anne Penniman's plan would cost to build; this is unknown at this time. Auggie Pampel looked at the trees and said the only way the trees could come down is by a crane which can only be put in the Lomme's driveway. Auggie said he had authorized the arborvitae to be put on the public access so the Harbor Commission can remove them. Anne was supposed to be putting together a CD so they could go out to bid. She said the Commissions need a structural and civil engineer to be involved. Jeff will talk to Ann and Lee. Paul Riggio suggested Ann, Lee, Jeff and Ann get together.

The proposal is to:

- Remove stone wall from tree out onto the access way
- Lower stone wall
- Get rid of drain pipe onto town property and pipe into the cove

8. Correspondence

Letter from Essex Conservation Commission re: supporting use of excess funds from Main Street ramp to Novelty Lane

DEEP notice of Robert & Sandra Galiette dock permit

DEEP notice of Richard Carlson has filed a COP to do a wood sheet pile bulkhead

9. New Business

Records disposition – The clerk has completed a document destruction application for old mooring permits, (we will hold for 2 years and maintain the old lists) and other old non-necessary documents. Jeff has signed the form.

Paul Riggio has a request. Since Cy Libby has stepped down as Deputy Harbor Master he requests that the Commission send a letter asking a deputy be appointed

10. Old Business

Joe Zaraschi thinks that the Morizio dock looks very high.

Wally Schieferdecker on June 2 went to annual meeting re: the railroad bridge. The State of CT has encouraged the increase of shoreline east. There are 6 additional trains running. A study last summer has not yet been released. Boaters need to complain. Any trouble with the bridge, note the date and time, fill out the boater complaint form from one of the local marinas. Those complaint forms are the only thing the Coast Guard can act on.

The police boat is not in the water at this time

The fire boat is not ready to go in the water.

John Senning is working on drafting an abandoned boat policy.

11. Adjournment

Motion–Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert

