

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

MINUTES - THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011

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
John Senning
Mark Faulstick, seated for Walter Wiegert until 7:45 p.m.
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Paul Riggio
Ruth Hockert
Buddy Hitchcock

3 members of the public
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer, arrived at 7:45 and was seated

3. MINUTES – February Meeting

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2011, Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion carries unanimously**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT
Steve Sutton, a mooring holder, asked about submerged pilings and indicated his concern for safety. The Commission feels a marker should probably be put on the submerged pilings or they should be removed.

**Motion – John Senning moved to have the pilings removed authorizing the expenditure not to exceed not \$200, Walter Wiegert seconded;
4-0-1 motion carried Walter Schieferdecker abstained**

5. FINANCIAL REPORT
Walter Wiegert reviewed the submitted Treasurer's Report

**Motion - Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Joe Zaraschi seconded
4-0-1 motion carried, Walter Wiegert abstained**

The Treasurer has three submitted invoices
The Clerk
Associated Dock – (one float could not be returned) \$ 1200
Paul D'Astous, Esq. for title search work expense previous authorized \$ 450.00

**Motion - Walter Wiegert moved to pay the clerk and Associated Dock, John Senning seconded;
4-0-1 motion carried, Wally Schieferdecker abstained**

The Commission has previously authorized payment of the title search fee so Walter Wiegert will pay Paul D'Astous, Esq. \$ 450.00.

6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT –
Numbering system

Let Brewers and Dauntless, Essex Boat Works, Ct River Museum, Essex Yacht Club use their existing numbers

MA # 100-400 all private moorings (Main Anchorage)

M# 510- 700 all moorings (Meadows)

NC # 1...

SC # 1..

MC# 1...

At the time a number is assigned it remains with the mooring holder until such time as they give up the mooring. The number at that time is retired. Permits will be numbered and returned with a letter explaining the new numbering system.

Herb Clarks request for a sabbatical was read into the Minutes and granted.

7. PROPOSED ADDITIONAL HARBOR POLICY (WINTER SPAR)

Amend date to have winter spars removed to April 15th.

Amend date to October 15 and in place by November 15

Remove "in color"

A reflective material is "required on the top of the spar"

A minimum 3/16's cable is recommended

A final draft will be prepared for the next meeting.

8. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

i. Main Street Ramp-update

Paul Riggio asked for Wally Schieferdecker (who was having trouble with a hoarse voice) about the space between the concrete crossbars at the new launch ramp. This is all butted together should be no wash out. There is a concern about an 8-10 inch drop off on the north side of the ramp.

ii. Harbor Dredging – There is a signed contract, a copy will be put in the dredge file.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS UPDATE

Bushnell – Joe Zaraschi has applied for funds to build boat storage racks at Bushnell for \$ 5900 through Pioneer Valley and CRERPA. Joe may get an additional \$ 2100 for the observation deck. The rack must be built by June. Attorney D'Astous did dig into the land records. There will be a legal description developed by John Senning from that information.

John Senning recommends new color stickers and that the Commission reiterate compliance with the town ordinance.

John Senning will work with the clerk to draft a letter to small boat owners.

Novelty Lane – Jeff Going has not heard back from the Selectman concerning the work at Novelty Lane. Lee Thompson has been in contact with a landscape architect. Jeff Going will send another letter to the Board of Selectmen

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of McDonald Sharpe letter to DEP for dredge permit extension Essex Yacht Club
Copy of Galliette dock application

10. NEW BUSINESS

John Senning brought to the attention of the Commission the passing of Gil Plumb. He is wondering if the Commission wants to do something because of Gil's efforts and contributions to the waterfront over the years.

**Motion - John Senning moved to make an appropriate gesture on the passing of Gil Plumb, Joe Zaraschi seconded.
5-0-0 motion carried unanimously**

Jeff Going asked John Senning via email about adding names to the ownership of a piling. John Senning said an individual cannot grant anything more than they have. John feels they should let DEP know of their concerns.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Wally reports that the buoys should be fine for this year. Cy Libby is still looking for the phone number for the company to purchase the buoys form. There was a problem last year with purchasing the replacement buoys. There will be a need for rock markers for off Thatch Bed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion- Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

