

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

Regular Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Jeff Going called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE
Jeff Going, Chairman
Joe Zaraschi
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
John Senning
Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Buddy Hitchcock
Gary Gavigan, Westbrook 2013
Doug Domenie, Brewer's

3. MINUTES –August Meeting

Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the August minutes as written, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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

The mobilization fee has not been paid yet.

Walter Wiegert reviewed the accounting for the rack and deck projects at Bushnell Park.
The Commission owes Aiudi \$ 184.00

Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the clerk \$ 281.10, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion carries unanimously

6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Wait list update- add Robert Dawes to the wait list; it is noted he paid cash

Jeff Going complimented Cy Libby for his work with the barge for opening the fairway for the dredge. A number of moorings have been pulled.

7. Westbrook 2013 presentation by Gary Gavigan
Gary Gavigan explained that his project came about because Westbrook was having difficulty with its dredging project. He described what he sees as a vision.

8. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

- A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

- i. Harbor Dredging – Jeff Going reports that the dredge update from Patriot is that their current dredge project is running into some problems so they are running behind. It is hoped that Patriot may show up Tuesday. Another minor issue is with the Army Corp checking and approving their silent inspector (piece of electronics). Mr. Cately is having some issues with his part of the dredge at Dauntless as well. Jeff believes that activity will begin next week and will take place all of October and perhaps some of November. He compliments the planning which will have limited impact on boating activities. Doug Domenie mentioned that Paul Riggio, the yacht club and Dauntless have had personal contact with every mooring holder involved.

- B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- John Senning asked if anyone inspected Mack Lane after the hurricane. Wally reported that the put the dock and ramp back in place.

- Walter Wiegert asked if the Commission knew that the float at Main Street Park is missing. No one knows were it is.

- C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS UPDATE

- Bushnell – Joe Zaraschi asked where the portalet is. Jeff Going mentioned it was removed for the hurricane. Joe reports that there is a whaler tied off in the water without a mooring permit.

- Novelty Lane – update

- Copies of the letters sent to unsuccessful bidders were received. The winning bid went to READCO of Old Lyme. Lee Thompson did due diligence on the proposed bidder and reports that he got all good reports. Jeff spoke with Brewer Dauntless Marina asking if they could provide some parking while the work is going on. Jeff also spoke with Bob Doane and asked if he could stake the area.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from DEEP approving the capping plan

10. NEW BUSINESS

- Review request for bid for buoy removal- bids will be sent to four individuals and posted on the town website.

- Develop small boat recovery fee for individuals whose vessel is moved to town garage - John Senning said if the Commission hauls the boat away and no one claims it, it will cost over \$ 100 to post the appropriate notices, and paperwork to sell the vessel. Abandoned boat statute references boats left on property without the owner's permission. John feels the fee should be \$ 100 to \$150.

**Motion – John Senning moved to set a fee of \$ 150 for any vessel that needs to be removed to the town garage and that the fee should be split between the Commission to pay legal fees and the town crew, the fee is retroactive to include all abandoned vessels currently held at the town garage, Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion carries unanimously**

Joe Zaraschi explained that there are four vessels currently at the town garage. These vessels have been removed per the town ordinance.

Discuss small boat registration procedure renewals for small vessels will be handled by the Commission in the spring

Next meeting the bids will be presented.

The Clerk notes that she needs envelopes to mail out the mooring renewals and other correspondence.

**Motion - John Senning moved to authorize the purchase of envelopes with postage from the United States Postal Service; Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

11. OLD BUSINESS
If the clerk can find a copy of Cy Libby's letter of resignation a copy will be sent to Dave Rossiter.
12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion- Joe Zaraschi moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert, Clerk