



Harbor Management Commission

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Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 28, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
Town Hall Meeting Room B & Zoom

1. Call to Order

Chairman Terry Stewart called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. Members and attendees were identified and Betsy McLaughlin was introduced as the Recording Clerk for the meeting in light of Kristen Gleason's departure. Betsy has previously served as the Harbor Management Commission Recording Clerk and serves as the Administrative Clerk for the Harbor Management Commission permit process.

Attendance

Members Present: Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Terry Stewart, Brian Weinstein, Susan Malan (Remote)

Absent Members: Kit Schellens, John Senning

Others Present: David Fasulo, Deputy Harbor Master, Cy Libby (Remote), Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

2. Approval of the September Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes

The September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed and discussed. It was noted that the title of the Special Meeting Minutes should be changed from Meeting Minutes **REGULAR** Meeting to Meeting Minutes **SPECIAL** Meeting.

MOTION made by Jeff Going to approve the September 23, 2021 and September 30, 2021 Regular meeting minutes with the change of the September 30, 2021 "Regular" Meeting to "Special" Meeting. **SECONDED:** Brian Weinstein; **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan, Brian Weinstein; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

3. Public comment: None

4. Financial Report

Bill Herlihy provided the financial report for the Liberty Checking, Public Access, and General bank accounts, with a total funds closing balance as of September 30, 2021 of \$39,352.43. Clerk invoices for August & September were presented in the amount of \$430.31.

MOTION made by Jeff Going to approve the Treasurer's report and the Clerks' invoices for August and September as presented. **SECONDED:** Brian Weinstein; **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Susan Malan, Brian Weinstein; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** Bill Herlihy; **Approved:** 3/0/1. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

5. Harbor Master Report

Paul Riggio provided the Harbor Master Report:

Mooring Permit Renewals: 69 approved, 4 pending issue, 23 incomplete..

Fourth reminder sent on September 27, 2021.

Betsy noted that the mooring renewal process has gone more smoothly this year than ever before.

Mooring Permit Wait List

New since last meeting: John Pharr, 10.13.21, Main

Bushnell Access

New since last meeting - Krista Karch submitted two wait list applications on 10.26.21. An email has been sent to her confirm her intention to apply for two before approving.

6. Harbor Management Business

Rock Pile Remediation and Dredging Update

Jeff Going updated the Commission on the Town's subcommittee looking at South Cove rock removal and harbor dredging. He reported that DEEP has given approval for the rock removal but further coordination with DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers is needed to move forward.

Jeff also explained preliminary dredging plans involving the Essex Yacht Club and Middle Cove Marina where dredging spoils could be deposited south of Thatchbed Island using both natural and man-made barriers. Depositing the spoils here presents a major cost savings over transferring them to the Sound.

Regarding timing and cost. Jeff said the project to remove the rocks could begin immediately if and when final approved is received. Cost and funding sources are undetermined at this point.

Regarding the Water Resource Development Act (WRDA), Jeff said he would have a draft of our application for dredging funds to share with the Commission by the early part of the week of November 1st.

Safe Harbor Dredging Permit

Terry Stewart gave everyone a copy of Safe Harbor's COP to dredge around their dock for our informational purposes only.

FOI Request Follow Up

The Commission has provided Maria with the information requested and nothing further is needed at this time.

Town Public Access Points

Bushnell Storage. Susan Malan reported on behalf of Bob Ward that there about 21 vessels still there.

Mack Lane. Paul Riggio informed the Essex Harbor Management Commission that the property owners of 36 Mack Lane will be exercising their right to repair the septic system within the public access way at Make Lane as per their easement with the Town of Essex. The first step this Fall is to simply do percolation tests, requiring an engineer to dig a few post sized holes, pour water in them and fill them in after this testing. All first phase (testing) work will be done in the same day.

7. Harbor Plan Update

The next session will be at Town Hall on November 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

8. Correspondence: None

9. New Business: None

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Jeff Going to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. **SECONDED:** Brian Weinstein; **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan, Brian Weinstein; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin
Recording Clerk