



# Harbor Management Commission

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 25, 2022, 7:00 P.M.**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room A & Zoom**

## 1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Bill Herlihy called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Management Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

## 2. Attendance

**Members Present:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan

**Absent:** Dave Fasulo, Deputy Harbor Master, Kit Schellens, \*John Senning, Terry Stewart, Brian Weinstein

\*John Senning tried to join the meeting via ZOOM but left due to the poor connection.

**Others Present:** Doug Domenie, Safe Harbor, Henry Domenie, Safe Harbor (Remote), Dave Fasulo, Deputy Harbor Master, Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Bill Herlihy was seated for Kit Schellens.

## 3. Approval of the July 2022 Meeting Minutes

The July 28, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed.

**MOTION** made by Jeff Going to approve the July 28, 2022 Regular meeting minutes.

**SECONDED:** Susan Malan, **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

## 4. Public comment: None.

## 5. 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 August 25, 2022 of \$41,812.40.

**MOTION** made by Jeff Going to approve the August 25, 2022 financial report. **SECONDED:** Susan Malan. **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Susan Malan; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** Bill Herlihy; **Approved:** 2/0/1. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

Note: Since not enough votes for a quorum, this will be voted on again at the next meeting.

The invoice that was received from Docko, Inc. addressed to Jeff Going's attention in the amount of \$1,916.25 for additional professional services related to Part II of the Thatchbed Island Envirotubes project for dredging will be given to the First Selectman's office.

Bill presented an invoice for HMC administrative support in the amount of \$251.81.

**MOTION** made by Jeff Going to approve the invoice for HMC administrative support. **SECONDED:** Susan Malan; **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

## **6. Harbor Master Report**

Paul reported that he and Jeff are working through harbor mark and a few mooring issues with Safe Harbor.

There was discussion on the use of the Dauntless Club mooring. Paul's feeling is that if they are going to put small power boats on it, he will relocate it more south to where the smaller boats are.

Paul noted that PWC's are becoming more of an issue and Jet Skis are becoming a speed issue in the harbor. Paul has reported a few issues to the police.

Paul is working with Megan Ericson in the DEEP Enforcement Division regarding the enforcement of the CT Boater's Guide that states Foil Boards fall into the same category as water skiing and that is not allowed in the harbor. He has given all of the information to Megan on a foil board sailor who has been sailing in the harbor.

There was a large tree blocking the cut just north of Essex Island. Matt Beer was very helpful in pulling the tree to Bushnell Park for it to be cut up by the Town of Essex. Thanks to Matt Beer and Safe Harbor as they are always willing to help.

### Bushnell Access Wait List Applications

7/31/22: Tom Gallucci  
8/4/22: Richard Mawhiney  
8/16/22: Michael Vogel  
8/16/22: Beth Vogel

## **Harbor Management Business**

Jeff Going reported that the rock relocation project is focusing on the North pile in part because of the 200 cubic yard limit. This would allow the essential removal of the full pile, leaving the larger south pile in place. Removing the north pile opens additional area for moorings.

Additionally, there is likely to be some adjustment to the relocation to take into consideration the lack of water depth for the barge and crane. This could mean a longer south/north placement.

The Town's Structure/Dredge/Fill permit application has moved along with botanist Rich Snarski's evaluation of the area potentially affected by the proposed Envirotube placement. No vegetation was found in this area, just mud flats.

The draft RFP for annual servicing of navigational aids and dock floats was reviewed and changes were discussed. Jeff will make the changes discussed and it will be sent to everyone for review before it is released on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **8. Town Public Access Points**

No issues reported.

#### **9. Harbor Management Plan Update**

DEEP has assigned an individual to review the plan, but we have not received any feedback yet from DEEP or the Army Corps.

#### **10. Correspondence**

Terry received an email from Carey Duques, Land Use Official/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Town of Essex, regarding an inquiry from Rob Galiette, 3 Teal Lane with questions about a proposed dock at 1 Teal Lane. Terry has referred Rob to DEEP as they have jurisdiction here and the Harbor Management Commission does not.

#### **11. New Business**

Susan Malan questioned commercial operations in and around the harbor in terms of what approval they need or do not need from HMC and what rights they have, if any, to use the harbor for their operations.

Paul commented that there was no clear plan other than the Harbor Patrol to be in the right place at the right time.

#### **12. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Jeff Going to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **SECONDED:** Susan Malan; **Voting in Favor:** Jeff Going, Bill Herlihy, Susan Malan; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Betsy McLaughlin**  
**Recording Clerk**