

**Essex Harbor Management Commission**  
**29 West Avenue**  
**Essex, CT 06426**  
Regular Meeting Minutes, March 22, 2012

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  
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman  
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer  
Joe Zaraschi  
John Senning  
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master  
Buddy Hitchcock, proposed Deputy Harbor Master  
Ruth Hockert, Clerk  
  
Cy Libby – Dauntless Shipyard  
Member of the public
3. Minutes of the April 2012 Meeting

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Minutes of the April 2012 meeting as amended, Walter Wiegert seconded;  
Section 7D add the words “and second part” (the report was inclusive of both dredges)  
Change “EBS” to “EBW”  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

4. Public Comment – none
5. Financial Report  
Treasurer Walter Wiegert distributed and reviewed the March Treasurer’s report/

**Motion – John Senning moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, Wally Schieferdecker seconded  
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained**

Treasurer Walter Wiegert distributed and reviewed a final Capital Project Account Report. This report was distributed with the final invoice and cover letter to all partners. (copy attached hereto). The Commission members all expressed their appreciation to Walter for his yeoman efforts with all the financial aspects of the dredge project.

The Treasurer has one invoice for payment.  
The clerk for \$ 281.10

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the clerk, John Senning seconded;  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

6. Harbor Master

Two new individuals will be added to the wait list after confirmation of their actual requests.

Mosa request 3/2- South Cove?

Duggan request 3/20 - North Cove

Wait list renewals will go out next week

Cy Libby and Paul Riggio will begin inspection of moorings in approximately a week and a half.

Paul Riggio reports that after providing the requested information to the Wyckoffs, he has heard nothing further. John Senning will contact the Wyckoffs directly.

7. Harbor Management Business

A. Capital Projects/Funding

B. Harbor Management Issues

C. Town Access Ways- Joe Zaraschi has been looking at the access way and Knot Lane and will identify what work needs to be done.

D. Small Vessel Permits – currently 4 completed applications have been received. Permits will be mailed to those individuals.

8. Correspondence

A. Application Essex Boat Works – Jeff Going and Paul Riggio met with Ted Lahey as he was unable to attend this evenings meeting and discussed with him the concerns the Commission members raised regarding his application. With respect to his northern property line he interprets that as the end of his riparian rights and has no intention to move any further north. Also in the dock area where there was concern about blockage of the channel, his intent is not to store any vessels there but to use that as a holding spot for the well and that type of thing. He would ask if there is any issue with channel blockage that someone contact him and they will remove the vessel.

B. Picard Family dock application. It appears that they are rebuilding a structure but as there were no plans attached; Jeff Going will contact Keith Nielson to get the plans.

C. DEEP issued a Certificate of Permission to Mr. Carlisle for property at Little Point Street.

9. New Business

Croft property proposed development – Jeff Going reports that the current application call for 8-10 properties each with waterfront access. There was discussion about the Harbor Management Plan Section V. D. 9. c. “Priority will be given to shared docking facilities of adjacent property owners or other multiple user ideas for a single dock or expanding the use of existing structures to multiple users”.

Discussion was held regarding the need for a written statement by the Harbor Management Commission to the Planning and Zoning Commissions regarding the provisions of the Harbor Management Plan and the Commission’s responsibility “to enhance visual attractiveness while giving due regard to property, riparian and littoral rights”. Per the state Harbor Management Act

the Harbor Commission should be provided a copy of the proposal for their review and consistency with the Harbor Management Plan.

Section V. D. 1.

“Consistent with Section 22a-113p of the Harbor Management Act and Section 8 of an ordinance creating a Harbor Management Commissions the following commissions must notify the Harbor Management Commission of any and all pending proposals for real property in, on or contiguous to water within the jurisdiction of the Harbor Management Commission.

- a. The Planning Commission
- b. The Zoning Commission”

**Motion – John Senning moved that the harbor Commission prepare a letter to the Zoning and Planning Commissions regarding the shared dock concept, Wally Schieferdecker seconded;**

**5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

The rock piles on Thatchbed Island – Jeff Going talked with DEEP regarding the removal of the rock piles on Thatchbed. DEEP says the Town would need a COP to get remove the rocks. John Senning asked if the Land Trust still owned the island and whether they might be interested in pursuing the removal of the rocks. They might also be interested in pursuing the idea that the island continues to be eroded and that moving the rocks to create an erosion barrier might be a better plan. John will contact the Land Trust.

10. Old Business

Harbor Patrol Boat update – The CT River Museum is in receipt of a letter from DEEP authorizing storage of the Harbor Patrol Boat on the CT Museum’s dock. A copy was supposed to be provided to the Commission but it has not yet been received. The boat is stored on the dock at no expense to the town. Some clarification may need to be made to the boat’s budget clarifying that point. State Trooper Taylor continues to discuss the proposed schedule with Jeff Going and Paul Riggio.

11. Adjournment

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert