

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

Minutes - May 24, 2012 Regular Meeting

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
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Ruth Hockert, Clerk
Buddy Hitchcock, Deputy Harbor Master candidate
Doug Domenie, Dauntless Shipyard
Rob Shickel

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to re-arrange the agenda to put the DEEP application for Rackett’s Lane after the Minutes, Wally Schieferdecker seconded;
4-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

3. MINUTES – April meeting

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Minutes of the April meeting with one correction number 7 change “disturbed” to “distributed”; Walter Wiegert seconded
4-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

8. NEW BUSINESS

DEEP Consultation form, 22 Rackett’s Lane

Rob Shickel agent for the owner stated that this application began as a traditional float, dock and fixed pier application. After Discussions with DEEP the design was revised to be a fixed pier in an “” formation. Mr. Shickel has an A-2 survey that he reviewed with the Commission. Mr. Shickel also explained that he had worked with DEEP and the home owners to resolve a “Notice of Violation” that existed on the property.

Jeff Going asked if the Ayotttes were continuing with the application as there is information available that indicates the property has changed hands. Mr. Shickel reported that he had met with the owners and a prospective buyer, but he had no personal knowledge of a change of ownership or whether the individuals he met with were the buyers. There had been discussion of a transfer being processed with DEEP if the property was sold.

Jeff Going suggested the vote to sign the consultation form be tabled until it was clear who the property owner would be on the application.

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to table the discussion until word has been received from Mr. Shickel regarding the ownership of the property and the new owner's plan; Walter Wiegert seconded
4-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Domenie reported that 3 docks had floated down river. Dauntless Shipyard has tied them off. Paul Riggio has contacted David Caroline from Public Works to recover the derelict docks.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Walter Wiegert distributed the May Treasurer's Report and reviewed it with the Commission. Walter Wiegert would like to wait to transfer the funds needed to pay the town until June 15th.

**Motion- Walter Wiegert moved that the Treasurer make the deposit to pay the Town the balance of the dredge loan on June 15th; and then to pay the Town thereafter. The harbor account will be closed and all remaining funds rolled into an existing account to generate interest income; Wally Schieferdecker seconded;
3-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained**

Submitted invoices

Associated Dock – invoice as reviewed at the previous meeting \$ 2696.63
(this invoice is a combination of the balance due on the previously approved contract to remove and reinstall harbor marks and necessary repair work to the buoys)
Ruth Hockert, Clerk \$ 281.10

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the submitted invoices, Joe Zaraschi seconded;
3-0-1 motion approved, Wally Schieferdecker abstained**

Doug Domenie asked Walter Wiegert about an overpayment made by Dauntless Shipyard. Walter will look into the matter.

Walter Wiegert will prepare a final accounting upon payment of the last installation to the Town. This accounting will be distributed to the Treasurer, First Selectman and all partners.

6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Paul Riggio reports a small sailboat that has been tying up in the harbor on various moorings. There was also an unregistered powerboat (confirmed by the Resident State Trooper). It appears to be some connection between these two vessels. Paul will continue to investigate.

Jeff Going stated that he had emailed Phil Miller about two weeks ago asking him to look into the appointment of a Deputy Harbor Master. He has had no response.

Pinkowish- note that he is still in process of purchasing vessel was read into the minutes.
Morizio – still no copy of vessel registration. Paul Riggio will contact Mr. Morizio.

Lew Davidson – no registration or insurance information has been received on his new vessel. Paul Riggio will follow up.

The following action will be taken: Remove from Wait List for failure to pay \$ 10 renewal the following individuals:

Ed Marlowe, Main
William Hawke , Meadows
Jessica Mularksi, Meadows
Kristin Miller, North Cove

7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINES

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Rock Pile update. Wally Schieferdecker distributed the hydrographic survey completed by Hydro Data 5/14/12. A PDF file is available to the Commission. This survey was performed for \$ 11 less than the first proposal. (copy attached)
Jeff Going proposed moving forward with the COP to remove the rocks. Wally Schieferdecker will contact Coastline Docko and McDonald/Sharpe for proposals.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS

Paul Riggio reports that there are 3 individual property owners impacted by the Mack Lane current arrangement. Paul would like to propose putting a deal together to give the new owner access to the property in exchange for improvements being made to Mack Lane. The First Selectman said he would support the idea if the Harbor Management Commission supports the proposal and if the Town does not give up any of its rights.

**Motion – Jeff Going moved to have Paul Riggio continue discussing changes to Mack Lane which would include abutting neighbors and the Town; Wally Schieferdecker seconded;
4-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

D. SMALL VESSEL REGISTRATION

A suggestion by a small vessel owner, “one rack be designated for longer vessels such as canoes or kayaks. It makes a real head bonker if someone put a long vessel over yours, and on the Dauntless side the rack is so close to the fence they really overhang”

The Commission consensus was there was no way to police any length restriction and that this was a problem that would work itself out.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. OLD BUSINESS

Harbor Patrol boat – Paul Riggio has met with the Resident Trooper regarding the schedule. It is put together a month ahead. Consensus was the best time would be Saturday 10am to 6 pm, Sundays 2pm to 6 pm and some holidays. Also a staggering of the days of the week with one trip a month into the coves. Paul will provide these suggestions to Trooper Taylor.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Ruth Hockert