

Essex Harbor Management Commission
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

1. 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

Joe Zaraschi

Earl Fowler, Alternate, seated for Walter Wiegert at 7:35

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Newly appointed member: Buddy Hitchcock (not yet sworn in)

Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Doug Domenie – Dauntless

Cy Libby – Dauntless

Rob Shickel

Keith Nielson, Docko

3. Minutes – May Meeting

Motion – Joe Zaraschi moved to approve the Minutes with a correction: remove the “4” from the word the, Wally Schieferdecker seconded 3-0-0 motion approved

4. Public Comment – none

5. Financial Report

Wally Schieferdecker reviewed the Treasurer’s Report with the Commission in Walter Wiegert’s absence. A revised May Report was distributed as well as a June report.

Motion – Jeff Going moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Joe Zaraschi seconded 4-0-0 motion approved unanimously

There were two submitted invoices for payment:

The clerk \$ 281.10

Overpayment by Dauntless Shipyard to be returned to them \$ 229.19

Motion – Earl Fowler moved to pay the submitted invoices, Joe Zaraschi seconded 4-0-0 motion approved unanimously

6. Harbor Master Report

Paul Riggio asked about the new policy that says no boat may tie up at the Mack Lane dock blocking public access. There was a brief discussion regarding this issue and it will continue with a discussion of the review of the ordinances and Harbor Plan.

Joe Zaraschi asked about the mooring locations. He feels that some of the moorings appear to be too close together. Doug Domenie and Cy Libby were included in the discussion. Cy stated that all vessels are 70 feet apart plus the rode. Cy agrees that two of the Dauntless moorings appear close together when there are no vessels on them. There was a discussion and consensus that there should be a strategy regarding sentinels. Cy feels no one needs one larger than 100 pounds. He notes that individuals are making their pennants longer and that there should be a maximum length of pennant. These discussions will be incorporated in the Harbor Plan discussions.

There are no changes to the Wait List this month.

Note is made that Mr. Davidson still needs to provide a registration and proof of insurance and that Mr. Morizio has not provided any registration information on his vessel. Both owners are in violation currently of the mooring holders policies.

Note was made that Essex Yacht Club put an undersized boat on a large mooring. Paul Riggio, Harbor Master has spoken with the yacht club and explained that the yacht club must put vessels on moorings based on the policy established by the Harbor Commission.

It was noted that the rock pile markers are not yet in place.

7. Harbor management business

A. Capital projects/funding
rock pile removal

Three proposals for the removal of the rock pile at Thatchbed were received. The last one was not forwarded to the Commission prior to the meeting so this item will be placed on the agenda for next month.

B. Harbor management issues
update harbor management plan; review ordinances

After a brief discussion Chairman Going asked that prior to the July meeting that Commission members identify any issues that they are aware of and submit them in writing to the Clerk.

Primary Concerns:

Clean up language especially public access ways

Permitted temporary dockage at Main Street Dock, i.e. for lunch

**Decide on philosophy regarding public access – to water from
landside and from water to businesses**

- C. Town access ways
- D. Small vessel registration – registration numbers slowing down
- 8. Correspondence – none
- 9. New Business
Maintenance dredge of the Connecticut River – Jeff Going feels the Commission should fight tooth and nail for a river dredge. Wally Schieferdecker stated that in the past the U.S. Army Corp has not recognized recreational boating as a commercial need for dredging. It was proposed to invite Grant Westerson and Joel Severance to the next meeting for further discussion of this item.
- 10. Old Business
Keith Nielson of Docko has come to report that DEEP will not allow a floating dock in the Keith Pratt dock application. He feels if the Commission feels a fixed pier is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan and okay with the Commission members, he will remove 10 foot of dock and submit the application to DEEP. This agenda item will be placed on next month's meeting agenda.

Rob Shickel is present to say he is representing the new owner of the Ayotte property, Mr. R. Murphy. The distributed plans do not include the correct property owner.

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to accept the Mar 1, 2012 okay as submitted at the June 28th meeting with the note that the property owner information will be updated and the Commission will receive a final copy, Earl Fowler seconded
4-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

- 11. Adjournment

Motion – Earl Fowler moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert, Clerk