

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

September 27, 2012 Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chairman Wally Schieferdecker called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex Harbor Commission to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Joe Zaraschi
John Senning
Buddy Hitchcock, Alternate
Jeff Going, Chairman arrived at 7:45
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Ruth Hockert

Doug Domenie, Dauntless

3. MINUTES –August meeting

MOTION – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the Minutes as amended; in Old Business paragraph 3, Joe Zaraschi wants the Minutes to reflect that his questions was if the US Army Corp changes the classification of the Connecticut River to “commercially non-viable: would that change the designation of North Cove in Old Saybrook as a harbor of refuge. He is concerned that if they abandon the river they will abandon the maintenance of the breakwaters; John Senning seconded 5-0-0 motion approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT –
Doug Domenie inquired as to the disposition of the abandoned vessel that has been sitting on a transient Dauntless mooring all summer. He does not want to be responsible for hauling it. He wonders who is responsible for the cost of it remaining on the mooring as he had removed at the request of the harbor Master because of its hazardous, unattended, position at anchorage in the harbor. Paul Riggio will provide John Senning the support information and Doug will provide an invoice for his services and John will review the statutes for action to be taken going forward.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT
Walter Wiegert distributed and reviewed the Treasurer’s Report.

MOTION- Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, John Senning seconded 4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained.

Walter Wiegert has received one invoice from the Clerk for payment and Jeff Going stated that he had received an invoice from Coastline Consulting which is the installment due based on their proposal. He will forward the invoice to Walter immediately but asked that it be paid. Walter explained that while he was on vacation he under paid the Town for the clerk's check by \$ 5.00 which he will make up in this payment.

MOTION – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the two invoices, the Coastline invoice being paid according to the proposal schedule, Wally Schieferdecker seconded; 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT

Two additions to the wait list for the Main anchorage
Tom Clerkin – 35' power
Charles Purdum – 34' sail

Harbor Master Paul Riggio reviewed the list of main anchorage holders who will not be offered a mooring permit for next year: Mr. Douglas, Pinkowish and Thompsen for not putting vessels on their moorings in accordance with 50% rule (and did not communicate with Commission regarding such) and Mr. Davidson for failure after numerous attempts to remind him, to comply with proper documentation for the issuance of a mooring permit.

Motion- John Senning moved to not offer mooring permits to Douglas, Pinkowish, Thompsen and Davidson for the outlined reasons, letters will be sent certified mail notifying individuals of such, Wally Schieferdecker seconded 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

The Rock Pile Proposals will be ready for the next meeting's review and distribution.

7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINES

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Rock Pile Removal update- Jeff Going is in receipt of the drawings. The Clerk will obtain an electronic copy and forward to the Commission.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Update Harbor Management Plan-Review Ordinances

Jeff Going clarified that the work in process is to correct scrivener errors in the existing Plan. Marcie Balint explained to Jeff that those corrections should go easily with the US Army Corp, DOT and DEEP. Once those are accomplished successfully the Commission will work on the wording changes to the Plan and Ordinances.

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS – Joe Zaraschi reports that photos of the Town Access Ways may be printed in this year's Essex Annual Report.

D. SMALL VESSEL REGISTRATION

There was discussion of the unregistered vessels at Bushnell Park and The Commission's consensus that action should be taken because these owners have already had notices taped to their hulls, and now it is time to enforce the Ordinance that states that vessels must be registered to be on the access way.

MOTION _ John Senning moved that any vessels on the rack as of October 1, 2012 that were not registered will be moved to the Town Garage to await further disposition, Wally Schieferdecker seconded; 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

8. CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received by Jeff Going from Coastline Consulting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Going attended a Selectman's Commission luncheon. Jeff said it was helpful to meet with the various Chairmen and to hear their on-going issues and to understand their working relationships.

John Senning distributed copies of the Stonington Harbor Commission Newsletter, An initial review at the meeting by members present was positive and Harbor Master Paul Riggio could see benefit in producing such a vehicle for the Essex HMC.

Joe Zaraschi asked about applying for a new capital improvement grant for the purpose of repairing and bringing to code the drainage system that is near the entrance to Bushnell Park. Jeff Going mentioned that the Town is putting together a list of projects for the Town to work on and that drainage issue is on the list.

For the next meetings under Town Access Ways the Commission wants to review the idea of an additional rack and its possible cost, location, etc. and a review of the small boat fee. These items will be added to the agenda.

10. OLD BUSINESS - none

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – John Senning moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert, Clerk