

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
29 West Avenue  
Essex, CT 06426

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 25, 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, Member  
Buddy Hitchcock, Alternate, seated for John Senning 7:30 – 7:35  
John Senning, Member, arrived at 7:35  
Paul Riggio Harbor Master  
Ruth Hockert, Clerk

Doug Domenie, Dauntless  
Cy Libby, Dauntless  
Jerry Robert, Executive Director, CT River Museum

**3. Minutes – September meeting**

**MOTION \_ Joe Zaraschi moved to approve the Minutes of September 27 with one correction, Pg 2, P7, Jeff Going, not Joe Zaraschi stated that the access way pictures might be in the Annual Report, Wally Schieferdecker seconded 5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

**4. Public Comment – none**

**5. Financial Report**

Treasurer Walter Wiegert distributed the October Treasurer's Report and reviewed it with the Commission.

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the October Treasurer's Report as submitted, Joe Zaraschi seconded 4-0-1 Motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained.**

Walter Wiegert has received 2 invoices, Lighthouse Printing for \$ 75.00 for mooring renewals and the Clerk, \$ 286.65.

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to pay the submitted invoices, Wally Schieferdecker seconded  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

## **6. Harbor Master Report**

A blast email will be sent to all mooring holders reiterating the Commission hurricane policy requiring immediate action,

Mooring field updates \_ James Sullivan from the Meadows will not receive a mooring renewal and it is Ken Thompson who will not receive a mooring renewal for failure to meet the 50% requirement.

Mooring renewals will go in the mail by the end of the week,

Winter Stick updates: Harbor master Paul Riggio has granted permission to Joe Zaraschi to winter stick his mooring according to the Commission policy.

Wait List Additions:  
Main - Mattheis, Pittsinger  
Meadows – Cournogn

## **7. Harbor Management Business**

A. Capital Projects/Funding  
Rock Pile Update – imminent

B. Harbor Management Issues  
Update Harbor Management Plan – Review Ordinances

Wally Schieferdecker heard a number of vessel owners complaining about fishermen restricting dock usage at Main Street.

Jerry Robert, Executive Director of the CT River Museum spoke and said that the museum experienced an increase of trash on the grounds each day as well as having individuals urinating on the museum property and other disregard for private property. He felt most of the fishermen were from out of town and had no respect for property.

The Commission will put on upcoming agendas policies regarding the use of the water front, town dock and access ways allowing both land side and water side use of the public access.

C. Town Access Ways

John Senning asked that the Harbor Commission note in its Minutes that it is aware of a misstatement in a newspaper article regarding Osage Trails, which is not a public access way but a parcel owned and managed by the Essex Land Trust.

- D. Small Vessel Registration vessels were removed to the town garage. One individual called Park and Recreation and the Director told them he would take care of it. Joe Zaraschi will follow-up. Any checks to reclaim vessels as per the instructions needed to be made payable to the Harbor Commission.

Discussion of building an additional rack will be added to the agenda again.

**8. Correspondence**

**9. New Business**

There was only one bid response to the Commission Request for Proposal for the removal of the buoys. The bid was awarded to Brewer Dauntless Shipyard and Marina for \$ 2500.00. A Copy of the Certificate of Insurance was provided and the moorings will be stored on Dauntless property.

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the Dauntless \$ 2500 bid for the removal of the buoys, Walter Wiegert seconded  
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously.**

Wally Schieferdecker has been appointed to the Gateway Commission which currently meets the same night at the Harbor Commission. Wally asked if Commission members would consider setting a different week of the month for their meetings. Before deciding it must be determined whether there would be meeting space available. The clerk will research.

Doug Domenie asked about follow-up to last month's discussion regarding the vessel which is on a Dauntless mooring. He does not want to be responsible for hauling the vessel. He will provide an invoice for already provided service and John Senning will look into the legal steps that need to be taken.

**10. Old Business**

**Proposed Newsletter**

There was some discussion regarding developing a Harbor Commission Newsletter. The consensus was it is a good idea. There were thoughts of doing a limited print run, putting it in the Essex Events and sending it out as an email. This agenda item will be put on upcoming agendas.

Doug Domenie reminded the Commission that the sign indicating the location for parking for the Novelty Lane Public Access has not yet been posted.

## **11. Adjournment**

<b>Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert, Clerk