

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
29 WEST AVENUE
ESSEX, CT 06426

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 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
John Senning
Joe Zaraschi

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Ruth Hockert, Clerk
Cy Libby, Dauntless Shipyard

3. **Minutes October Meeting**

**Motion – Walter Wiegert moved to approve the October 25th Minutes as submitted, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion passed unanimously**

4. **Public Comment –**

Cy Libby reported on an EPA Public Hearing he attended on the dumping grounds for dredge spoils in eastern Long Island sound. The EPA has extended the use of the existing dumping grounds until 2016. There will be additional hearings held.

5. **Financial Report**

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

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

**Motion – Wally Schieferdecker moved to pay the submitted invoices, \$ 1768 to Coastline, \$ 21.20 to reimburse the clerk for postage and \$ 286.65 to pay the clerk and the related taxes, Walter Wiegert seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously.**

It was noted that according to the report there were not enough funds in the checking account to pay the submitted invoices. Walter noted that on 11/14 he transferred from savings to checking sufficient funds to cover the invoices.

6. Harbor Master Report

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master wanted to acknowledge the efforts of the First Selectman during Hurricane Sandy. He was impressed with how well the First Selectman handled the issues that arose.

Abandoned vessel moved by order of the Harbor Master to Dauntless mooring update: John Senning spoke regarding the legal status of the vessel. It was not an abandoned boat, but a boat that was moved because it was a hazard to navigation. He believes that a lien on the boat for the services rendered is the best course of action. He said he would send out a final bill, notice of lien and an auction date. The vessel owner could be given the opportunity to sign a bill of sale for the vessel over to the Town and then the Town could dispose of the vessel in some manner. John will review the invoice with Dauntless Shipyard.

Mooring field updates:

Peter Immordino is surrendering his permit for 2013. The Clerk will call to confirm that his intent is to give up his mooring.

Charles Fox is concerned about the location of his mooring in the mooring field. His letter was read in to the Minutes. The Commission will respond via a letter.

With respect to the wait list Mr. Carlucci and Mr. Barnaby will be sent mooring applications as part of mailing out 10 applications to the Main anchorage wait list folks and 5 applications to the Meadows anchorage wait list folks.

The Commission received a nice note from Jim Rawn thanking the Harbor Master for his efforts. The letter was read into the Minutes/

There are no additions to the Wait List this month.

7. Harbor Management Business

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

Rock Pile Update – It was suggested that a description of the project be included in the proposed newsletter. Chairman Jeff Going signed the application to be submitted and that along with the check will be forwarded to Coastline for submittal to DEEP.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Update Harbor Management Plan – Review Ordinances

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS

Joe Zaraschi reported that the culvert drain at the street corner by Bushnell Park has collapsed. He has spoken with Dave Caroline. It was suggested that a letter identifying the issue be sent to the First Selectman.

The Commission received a check for \$ 100 for the reclaiming of 2 kayaks. There was some discussion about putting the check into the public access fund. Those funds could be put toward building another kayak rack.

**Motion – John Senning moved to put the \$ 100 in the public access fund, Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0- motion approved unanimously**

8. CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS

Change meeting date discussion regarding Wally Schieferdecker request at the last meeting.

**Motion – John Senning moved that the Harbor Commission meetings be moved to the 3rd Thursday of the month. Walter Wiegert seconded
5-0-0 motion approved**

Paul Riggio and the Clerk, Ruth Hockert have been in email discussions with the Town IT individual. There will be a harbor master email address and a commission address.

Wally Schieferdecker will check the town docks for damage from the hurricane and report it to the Selectman's office. Paul Riggio has already checked Bushnell Park where there was no damage.

Cy Libby asked if the Commission should consider, at the time it is necessary to replace the Main Street dock, should it be a floating dock. There was some concern that there might be more issues, than there are currently.

10. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion regarding developing a Harbor Commission Newsletter.

The Commission continues to move forward in exploring possibilities for production and distribution of a Harbor Commission newsletter.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – WALLY SCHIEFERDECKER MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ruth Hockert, Clerk