



Harbor Management Commission

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Meeting Minutes- Regular Meeting

May 27th, 2021, at 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was made available to the public via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order** - Chairman Jeff Going welcomed everyone to the Harbor Management Commission. Members and attendees announced themselves. Attendees were asked to please identify themselves for the record prior to making any comments.

2. Attendance:

Present Members: Jeff Going, Kit Schellens, John Senning, Bill Herlihy, Earl Fowler

Zoom: Paul Riggio, David Fasulo, Terry Stewart, Susan Malan

Audience in person: Doug Domenie, Rob Schikle, **Zoom:** Keith Neilson.

3. **Introduction of New Alternate Commission Member:** Chairman Jeff Going introduced alternate member Bill Herlihy to the commission.

4. Approval of April 22nd, 2021, Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: made by John Senning to approve the April 22nd, 2021 meeting minutes as presented; **SECONDED:** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor:** John Senning, Kit Schellens, Terry Stewart; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

5. Public Comment:

None.

6. **Financial Report:** Terry Stewart provided reports on the following balances as of the end of April 2021.

Deposits:

OnLine Mooring \$1,736.90

Transfer from Savings \$1,000.00

Safe Harbor Commercial Mooring Renewal \$600.00

Withdrawals:

Town of Essex Clerk Invoice #50 \$623.62

Paul Riggio Middle Cove Markers Bolts \$50.84

Richard Riggio & Sons Middle Cove Marker PVC Pipes \$1,040.10

Transfer to Savings \$1,600.00

Total Funds Balance----Total Funds---a/o 4/30/21: \$46,009.52

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

SECONDED John Senning; **Voting In Favor:** John Senning, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None;

Abstaining: Terry Stewart; **Approved:** 2/0/1. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

Invoices:

- Clerk Invoice #51 Total from the Town of Essex: \$335.86

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve the invoices as presented; **SECONDED** by John Senning; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, John Senning, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None;

Abstaining: None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

MOTION made by John Senning to not support the application or any effort involving Thatchbed preservation or restoration. **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, John Senning, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

6. Harbor Master Report:

Paul Riggio provided the following Essex Harbormaster Report.

Mooring Permit Wait List: New Since The Last Meeting

Adam Taylor, Main, 5.18.21

Bushnell Access Wait List New Since the Last Meeting

Gregory Prato, 5.5.21

Ricardo Guise, 5.8.21

Rose Nolin, 5.13.21

Other: Henry Breitenbach refunded his mooring permit fee.

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to reimburse Online Mooring \$563.40 due to an overpayment they sent the commission in error in March. **SECONDED** by John Senning; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, John Senning, Earl Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

7. Harbor Management Business:

Bushnell Storage- The storage is officially at capacity and that more people are joining the waitlist. Plans of signage were discussed among the members

- **Gowrie/Shickle:** Rob Shickel sent the EHMC the revised plan view with the deck elevation at the MHW line DEEP required public access. This plan view supersedes the previously submitted plan view dated 4-6-2021. As well as the proposed boat davit/crane and proposed low wattage downlight. Susan Malan asked if the lights will be on 24/7, and Rob confirmed that there will be a switch for when in usage.

MOTION made by Kit Schellens to approve the Gowrie dock plan, it is consistent with the Essex Harbor Plan; **SECONDED** by Terry Stewart; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, John Senning, Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

- **Harris/Docko:** Keith Neilson who is representing Mr. Harris who resides on 24 Main Street in Essex Village is requesting approval from the EHMC to construct a 40' general permit dock including a pile-supported pier. A 100 – SF float and associated restraint piles 30-SF ramp landing float, hinged access ramp, and five piles. Waterward of the existing high water and coastal jurisdiction lines. Also, retain and reinforce 63-LF of a deteriorating mortared stone wall with a new mortared stone face over 125 SF supported by a reinforced concrete footing also construct a cast in place reinforce concrete saddle. All waterward and landward of the high tide and Connecticut Coastal jurisdiction lines. The application drawings represent a compilation of surveys for environmental permit purposes. They are not construction contract documents. A town building permit may be required. Keith Neilson reassured the commission this request is not for adding a boat lift.

MOTION made by John Senning that the Harris/Docko dock plan is inconsistent with the Essex Harbor Plan; **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor;** John Senning, Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Earl Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

- **HM Plan Update:** Jeff gave the update that section 1 is now revised in the Harbor Plan. *(PDF with the current revisions can be viewed on the EHMC webpage under this month's agenda)*

Kit Schellens and Terry Stewart agreed to meet the week of 5/31/21 to create a draft of the dock and lift definition/policy for review at the June meeting.

Doug Domenie and Jeff reported on efforts to work with Zoning (PZC) to get parking requirements rewritten to recognize more realistic situations with marinas, boat yards and yacht clubs. Transient moorings and boat slips by their nature have no need for

parking. For seasonally rented boat slips, historical data shows that 100% parking for each slip is not realistic, perhaps .75 parking spaces per seasonal slip is more realistic. PZC is considering these changes.

8. Correspondence:

No correspondence.

9. New Business: None.

10. Adjournment:

MOTION made by John Senning to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor:** Earl Fowler, John Senning, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 24th, 2021, at 7:00 pm.
Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gleason
Commission Recording Clerk