

# TOWN OF ESSEX

## Harbor Management Commission

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Essex Harbor Master (860) 767-0032

### **Executive Board**

*Jeffrey Going, Chairman*

*Joe Zaraschi, Vice Chair*

*Terry Stewart, Treasurer*

### **Regular Members**

*John Senning*

*Earl Fowler*

### **Alternate Members**

*Kit Schellens*

*Susan Malan*

### **MINUTES – Regular Meeting**

**Thursday June 25th, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Essex Harbor Management Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 25th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room A of the Essex Town Hall. The meeting was available on Zoom, which was used by Susan Malan, Terry Stewart, Cy Libby and Keith Neilson.

**Meeting Recording Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4\\_UvNe\\_1-EdJXp3w9GXTRPYoF8e8T6a80yAeqfsKy0bvkn7IOKwwwlOubQTbs99G](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/4_UvNe_1-EdJXp3w9GXTRPYoF8e8T6a80yAeqfsKy0bvkn7IOKwwwlOubQTbs99G)

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#### **2. Attendance**

##### **Attending Members**

Jeffery Going

John Senning

Joseph Zaraschi

Susan Malan

Terry Stewart

##### **Absent Members**

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

David Fasulo, Deputy Harbor Master

Kit Schellens

Earl Fowler

##### **Audience**

Cy Libby, Safe Harbor Dauntless Marina

### 3. Approval of May 28th, 2020, Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** made by Terry Stewart to approve of May 28th, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented; **SECONDED** by Joe Zaraschi; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, Joe Zaraschi, John Senning; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### 5. Financial Report

Terry Stewart presented the Treasurer's Report - June 25th, 2020

HS Plaut Environmental Spring Marker Installation \$1,600.00

Transfer from Savings \$2,000.00

Total Funds---a/o 5/31/20: \$33,341.67

Online Mooring Invoice \$63.65

**MOTION** made by John Senning to approve the Treasurer's report as presented; **SECONDED** by Zaraschi; **Voting in Favor:** John Senning, Joe Zaraschi; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** Terry Stewart; **Approved:** 2/0/1.

### Invoices:

- Kristin Gleason and Elizabeth McLaughlin Clerk's Invoices \$312.48

**MOTION** made by Terry Stewart to approve the Invoices as presented; **SECONDED** by John Senning; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, John Senning, Joe Zaraschi; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

### 6. Harbor Master Report

Edward Baker, Main, and James Ehlemeyer, Main, have submitted applications and they have been issued permits. bringing total permits to 97.

The HMC offered Joan Sauvigne-Kirsch, North Cove, a permit on 5/20/20. She submitted an application on 6/5 but submitted a New York Registration in someone else's name and insurance

documentation that was too small read. We have asked her for requisite documentation on 6/7 and 6/10 and have not heard back from her.

Waitlist applications: (1) - Gene Robida, Meadows, 6/15/20, which is approved by Paul Riggio.

### **Other**

There was no other business.

## **7. Harbor Management Business**

- **Town Access Ways/Bushnell Access/Mack Lane**

**Bushnell Access:** Joe Zarachi said he received an email from Conservation Biologist, Jim Arrigoni from the Connecticut Audubon Society, who is requesting permission to park two vehicles and a canoe at access points for his team to do subaquatic vegetation surveys of the coves in Essex. Doing so is simple for Bushnell and gives the best access to North Cove. For Middle and South Cove it was suggested that the Town Park Access would work best for them, and they should identify their vehicles and canoe. Jeff Going suggested the Commission could make an exception for them for storage at the Town Park and that they could provide us (HMC) with a copy of their research. Joe recommended giving them a Town of Essex permit sticker so officials would be aware.

**Mack Lane:** Jeff Going said some complaints were recently received concerning the Mack Lane Public Access. Apparently, a new resident's children were using the access and were told by a neighbor that it was private, and no swimming or use was allowed. Susan Malan clarified that it is "public access"; however, there is no signage that says no swimming. Jeff Going said that there is no ladder access for swimming, but it can be used for small craft launching, fishing, crabbing, etc. Further discussion about signage for this access.

**Novelty Lane Access:** Jeff Going checked out the situation and found a poor old wood ladder and improper securing of the float (which was "leftover from the Town Dock). He found a great deal on an aluminum four-round ladder to replace the bad wood one and ordered it. Financial to be provided to Terry. Jeff expects it to be in place before the next meeting.

- **Lawsuit for Dredging Materials** - Nothing new to report.

- **Thatchbed Island.**

Jeff Going said that Maria Pittsinger, a woman who grew up on South Cove and is currently enrolled in a Civil Engineering program in Delaware, wrote a letter to Essex Land Trust and EHMC concerning the loss of Thatchbed Island and looking for efforts to restore, including offering her assistance. Jeff suggested that at least Land Trust should consider a planting project. Joe suggested that Maria needs to direct her comments to Essex Land Trust, not EHMC. John Senning stated that he believes that Essex Land Trust is not interested in Thatchbed Island, and EHMC should not be involved.

North Cove channel markers — Cy Libby will give Jeff and Paul Riggio a tour of the new channel markers for review of the situation. John Senning voiced his disapproval of the entire thought of providing channel markers for this North Cove public waterway.

**8. New Business**

None.

**9. Correspondence**      None.

**10. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by Joe Zaraschi to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm

**SECONDED** by John Senning; **Voting in Favor:** John Senning, Joe Zaraschi, **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 2/0/0.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 23rd, 2020, at 7:00 pm.  
Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gleason  
Recording Clerk