

TOWN OF ESSEX

Harbor Management Commission

29 West Avenue • Essex, Connecticut 06426

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 September 24, 2020 at 7:00pm.

1. Call to Order

The Essex Harbor Management Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 24th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in Room A of the Essex Town Hall. The meeting was available on Zoom, which was used by

Meeting Recording Link:

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2. Attending Members

Jeff Going

Terry Stewart

Earl Fowler

Joe Zaraschi

Kit Schellens seated for John Senning

Absent Members

John Senning and Susan Malan

Ex Officious Members

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

David Fasulo, Deputy Harbor

Update to EHMC September Meeting Agenda:

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve the additions of new topics on the agenda;
SECONDED by Joe Zaraschi; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, Joe Zaraschi, Kit Schellens;
Opposed: None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Approval of August 27th 2020, Meeting Minutes:

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve of August 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented;
SECONDED by Kit Schellens; **Voting in Favor:** Joe Zaraschi, Kit Schellens, Terry Stewart;
Opposed: None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Financial Report

Terry Stewart presented the Treasurer's Report

- Total Funds---a/o 8/31/20: **\$34,097.65**

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

Invoices:

Clerk Invoice's #43 Kristin Gleason & Elizabeth McLaughlin - \$191.67

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

6. Harbor Master Report

Paul Riggio mentioned that this month has been slow with activity. The only item that has taken much of my time is an organized Trump boat parade on the CT River this Sunday 9-27-20 at 1:00 PM starting from between the bridges in Old Saybrook and ending just south of the East Haddam Bridge. The organizers have refused to file a Special Events Permit with the USCG. This makes it very difficult to plan safety and security zones to keep the waterways safe. Paul reached out to local police and fire departments to try to enforce security measures for this event on the waterways.

7. Harbor Management Business

- **Papanier Update and Correction:**

Jeff Going originally advised DEEP that there were no lifts in Essex, CT. However, that was incorrect statement. There is one lift in Essex. If the EHMC wants to make a statement of lifts in the future, they need to define and review the Harbor Plan.

Joe Zaraschi spoke with DEEP in Hartford, CT. He said any lift that lifts a vessel out of water needs a permit. Plastic docks such as where you would store a personal watercraft, those also require a permit because they are considered a “floats”

- **Bombaci “Improvement Project”**

The Bombaci Family LLC has submitted a proposal for “improving” their waterfront at the corner of Great Meadows Road. The proposal is a combination of old work, recent permitted work and new construction. The old work is rebuilding the original bulkhead and cleaning up erosion and debris. The new part of this project is the addition of a wood deck within the perimeter of the bulkhead and adding a gin pole on the northern side. The proposal includes the recently constructed and permitted fixed dock, ramp and 10’ x 10’ float, but adds 50’ to the float and incorporates two 4’ x 18’ floats at the east end (creating a “T”.) There are a lot of questions to be answered, including who has the oversight for what part of this “marine facility”?

MOTION made by Joe Zaraschi that this plan is non- consistent with the current Harbor Plan **SECONDED** by Terry Stewart; **Voting in Favor:** Joe Zaraschi, Terry Stewart; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 2/0/0.

MOTION made by Joe Zaraschi to withdraw from the previous the motion due to inconsistency to the property layout being residential or commercial. **SECONDED:** Terry Stewart; **Voting in Favor:** Joe Zaraschi, Terry Stewart; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 2/0/0.

MOTION made by Kit Schellens to table this topic and for more research to be done. **SECONDED** by Joe Zaraschi; **Voting in Favor:** Joe Zaraschi, Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

- **Bushnell Access:** Joe Zaraschi said there is one applicant for the waitlist Zenas Zelotes. Also, that the tree work that was discussed at the last meeting is almost cleared away.
- **Mack Lane:** None.
- **Novelty Lane Access:** None.
- **Harbor Plan:** Jeff Going stated the current Harbor Plan is from the late 1980's written on a type writer. Currently the EHMC is trying to convert the old format of text to a modern day format. Town clerk Joel Marzi has made revisions already to the ordinances page. There is a future goal to get everything retyped.

8. New Business

None.

9. Correspondence

Jeff Going said that the RFP was sent out, and a bid from Safe Harbor Dauntless bid for \$4,445 is completed. HS Plautt Environmental bid \$3,200, but did not include North and South Cove channel marks or where the floats would be stored. So, the bid was incomplete.

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to to approve proposal from Safe Harbor for annual aide to navigation and dock floats removal, storage and re installation **SECONDED** by Joe Zaraschi ; **Voting in Favor:** Kit Schellens, Terry Stewart, Joe Zaraschi; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Joe Zaraschi to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm

SECONDED by Kit Schellens; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Joe Zaraschi
; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 22nd, 2020, at 7:00 pm.
Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gleason
Recording Clerk