

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011
Regular Meeting

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
Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
Jeff Going, Chairman
Joe Zaraschi
John Senning
Paul Riggio, Harbor Master
Cy Libby, Deputy Harbor Master

Doug Domenie
Ruth Hockert, Clerk

3. MINUTES – April Meeting

Motion - Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the April Minutes as amended; Walter Wiegert seconded
Paul Riggio clarified that he spoke with Mr. DeLisa in March and the letter mailed to Mr. DeLisa said that he needed to confirm his exemption in writing.
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Motion - Wally Schieferdecker moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted, John Senning seconded
4-0-1 motion approved, Walter Wiegert abstained

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

Walter Wiegert explained that the transfers authorized by the Commission at the last meeting happened today; from the Class account to the Capital account \$ 9334 for payment to the town and the transfer from Class account to the checking account of \$ 10,000

Walter Wiegert received the \$ 1,505.77 quote for two buoys; this expense was authorized at a previous meeting. The Commission is still awaiting delivery of the buoys.

6. HARBOR MASTER REPORT –

Paul Riggio updated the Commission regarding his conversations with Mr. Dubey, who at the last meeting had a mooring that did not meet inspection. He had put his mooring in without an updated inspection. Paul told him it had to be removed for inspection. Paul also clarified that Mr. Dubey no longer owns the boat although he filled out the application when he owned it but he was planning on letting the new owner use the mooring. Paul explained that he could not put someone else's boat on his mooring. John Senning suggested requesting a copy of the bill of sale.

Chanouk request – to remain on the wait list as he had been out of town for 7 weeks and missed the renewal date

**Motion - Walter Wiegert moved to approve Mr. Chanouk's request to keep his place on the wait list, Joe Zaraschi seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

Wait List Update- keep Chanouk on the list

May 26, 2011 - Letter received from Mr. Syme, his boat was sold, and he is requesting putting a co-owned boat on his mooring. A letter will be sent to Mr. Syme saying that updated boat information needs to be forwarded to the Commission to be consistent with the mooring permit policy.

Cy Libby reported that two boats came down river at high speed who decided that they were not going to slow down. Cy stopped them and lectured them.

Paul Riggio said the police boat should be in the water for the Memorial Day weekend.

Note was made that the new ramp is being used quite a bit.

7. HARBOR MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

A. CAPITAL PROJECTS/FUNDING

- i. Harbor Dredging – Wally spoke with Angus McDonald, Jr. this morning who is going to do additional research on the status of dredging projects. The Army Corp expects a lot of dredging to be done this year. The Army Corp has to organize the dredging program.

B. HARBOR MANAGEMENT ISSUES

C. TOWN ACCESS WAYS UPDATE

Bushnell – update – Things are moving along. Chad Floyd expressed two concerns to John Senning. The establishment of the observation deck may present an area that might be misused and Mr. Floyd is hopeful that the area be supervised early on so that bad habits are not formed. He would like to know what the signage would say.

Joe Zaraschi and Paul Riggio cut up some pipe the other night. There will be two new racks. There are some millings available for the parking area.

There is a work night scheduled for Thursday night June 2nd 5:30 at Paul's shop (lower level).

Novelty Lane – update – Anne Penniman has proved a proposal. If the Commission approves, Lee will submit it to DEP as part of the STEAP grant process. It involves removing 75% of the wall and removing the two Norway maples that are dying. A pre-construction survey would be done. A runoff pipe that is depositing water on the property has not been addressed. Jeff Going spoke with the Sinatras and the Lommes and invited them to this evening's meeting.

Motion – Jeff Going moved that the Commission proceed by first talking with Dave Caroline re: the arborvitae issue (relocating them to Bushnell Park) and to draft a bid for three stages of work; the first 80 feet from the bulkhead out incorporating the deck and walkway and planting; the step would be from there to the top of the mound and the last third would be the most northerly portion, which is dependent upon an agreement with Brewers. Wally Schieferdecker seconded Paul Riggio proposed that Jeff Going speak with Anne Penniman regarding the drafting of the bid. Paul has also suggested having the town tree warden look at the two Norway maples to confirm they are dying. The Commission has two structural engineer names to get a pre-construction survey estimate.
5-0-0 motion carries unanimously

John Senning proposed an easement be provided to the Lommes so they can have the wall moved onto their property.

John Senning suggested sending a letter and a small copy of the plan to the neighbors and invite them to the next meeting.

The Commission wants to note that additional funds, not shown on the Treasurer's Report are available through grants for Novelty Lane public access (STEAP) and the Bushnell Street public access (Pioneer Valley Grant)

8. CORRESPONDENCE

DEP tentative determination for Galiette
Application from Richard Carlson in Middle Cove

Correspondence from John Gallagher

9. NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Going brought up a matter regarding the CT River Museum and the drainage pipe at the corner of the driveway and the dock. John Senning was not provided any information regarding the project, but was informed by Phil Miller that the work was being done. John Senning proposed that Jeff Going write a letter to the Selectmen stating that the work being done at the museum site regarding drainage issues should not be paid for by the remaining STEAP grant funds

10. OLD BUSINESS

Update regarding the Ayotte property on Mack Lane –DEP told Jeff Going said they would be issuing a letter of violation.

**Motion – John Senning moved that the Chairman be instructed to write a letter to DEP requesting an investigation of the work at the Ayotte property, Wally Schieferdecker seconded
5-0-0 motion approved unanimously**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion- John Senning moved to adjourn at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Hockert