

TOWN OF ESSEX

Harbor Management Commission

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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 August 27, 2020 at 7:00pm.

1. Call to Order

The Essex Harbor Management Commission conducted the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 27, 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, Paul Riggio, David Fasulo, Kit Schellens, Earl Fowler. Guest Keith B. Neilson from Docko was present at the meeting.

Meeting Recording Link:

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2. Attending Members

Jeffery Going

Susan Malan

Terry Stewart

Earl Fowler

Joe Zaraschi

Kit Schellens seated for John Senning

Absent Members

John Senning.

Ex Officious Members

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

David Fasulo, Deputy Harbor

Approval of July 23rd, 2020, Meeting Minutes

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve of July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented;

SECONDED by Joe Zarachi; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, Joe Zaraschi, Kit Schellens; **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 – End of July, 2020

- Total Funds---a/o 7/31/20: \$35,721.74
- Withdrawals: Town of Essex Clerk Invoice #41 \$119.70. Novelty Ln Dock Ladder – 108.91 and Harbor Mark Reposition- \$321.30.
- Deposits: OnLine Mooring \$74.40

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

Invoices:

Clerk Invoice's Kristin Gleason & Elizabeth McLaughlin - \$241.73

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

6. Harbor Master Report

Harbormaster report 8/27/20

To be added to the Covid -19 sabbatical list is:

James Francis
Aaron Ribchinsky

Paul Riggio said he spent 2 hours out in the harbor before the storm hit making a list of boats that weren't properly prepared. All parties were called and told to get to their boats ASAP and prepare them for the storm.

There were no reported issues in the harbor from the August 4th tropical storm.

This has been a very interesting year. Here are a few small issues:

One boat tied to a mooring rode using a climbing carabiner. One power boat expecting to spend the night with the mooring rode hooked to a stern cleat One anchored boat in the middle of the mooring field. Many boats not having a clue as to how to operate a boat or understanding the rules of the road. All issues were corrected before night fall.

(2) wait list applicants were added in July: John Gallagher & Marianne Alexander

(1) applicant with (2) vessels was added in August; John Daly.
Current wait list stands at 18 applicants.

Bushnell Street Access Point:

The number of vessels stored seems to average 64-66 vessels out of 77 permits issued.

During the recent tropical storm a large branch/leader fell from the tree that is adjacent to launching area at Bushnell, effectively blocking the launching of any vessel. Ryan at the Public Works Dept. was notified and the branch was removed in 1 day. A note of thanks acknowledging their response was sent on behalf of EHMC.

On a number of occasions, the issue of the condition of this tree has been discussed with the Town's Tree Warden for tree's removal. Funds have not been available, or the budget for tree removal, has been allocated to tree's that are in most need of removal. The Public Work's department has indicated that the tree is too large for the Town Crew to handle.

We may wish to discuss using EHMC funds to pay for the tree's removal and working thru the Tree Warden.

7. Harbor Management Business

- Town Access Ways/Bushnell Access/Mack Lane/Dock Proposal/Docko

- **Bushnell Access:**

Joe Zaraschi mentioned in July (2) applicants placed on the Wait List: John Gallagher & Marianne Alexander. Also in July, a resident of Little Point Street advised that there was a small vessel tied to the bench at the foot of Little Point. Chairman Jeff Going and Joe Zaraschi investigated, and vreported to the resident state trooper who could not locate in the State's database the "old" registration number listed on the hull. A notice was posted on the

vessel, and after 48 hrs. the vessel was removed. August to date: there were (2) applicants; John Daly who took (2) wait positions and Lara Ingrassia.

Joe Zaraschi mentioned during the storm a very large leader/branch broke off the black willow tree that sits on the property line adjacent to Safe Harbor-Dauntless. The leader was so large that entirely blocked the launching area. Public Works was advised, and it was removed with 2 days. A blast email was sent to all permit holders advising them of the hazard and subsequently email again once the tree limb was removed. Subsequently, Ryan at the Public Works Department indicted with the loss of the large branch, the Town would now remove the tree entirely. Augie Pamel-Tree Warden was advised and has given his approval to remove the tree

Also Mr. Pampel inquired with the removal of the (2) diseased trees at the upper entrance to Bushnell, was it the intent of EHMC to fill the remaining open area with Arborviates. This is an expenditure the Commission should consider, and thusly completing that project.

- **Mack Lane:** No updates to report.
- **Novelty Lane Access:** No updates to report.
- **Papanier Dock Proposal/Docko**

Keith B. Neilson from Docko was in attendance. He presented the blueprints of the lift. Keith mentioned he had changed the plan from a 4 pile lift to a 2 pile lift. And overall mentioned he made reductions of slip capacity and visual impact to the plan. Kit Schellens asked how deep the pilings are Keith responded with 20 feet down. Joe Zarachi mentioned how in the past the EHMC turned down lift plans, Keith reassured this plan is far different and more efficient. Some members of the EHMC are afraid that allowing one lift might be an invitation to allow other lifts to be built down the road. Which is what some members of the commission want to avoid. Jeff Going said he will forward DEEP appropriate information regarding this lift matter and advise that currently the harbor plan does not state clearly if they allow or do not allow lifts in the area.

It was concluded at this time that the EHMC needs more time to consider this plan.

MOTION made by Kit Schellens to approve the dock and a float (WITHOUT THE LIFT) of the Papanier Dock Proposal and to review if the EHMC Harbor Plan will allow this construction in the near future. **SECONDED** by Terry Stewart; **Voting in Favor:** Kit Schellens, Joe Zaraschi, Earl Fowler, Terry Stewart; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0.

8. New Business

None.

9. Correspondence

Jeff Going presented a homeowners certificate of insurance for Allison L Dowe-Johnson and Christian S. Johnson.

10. Adjournment

MOTION made by Joe Zaraschi to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting in Favor:** Terry Stewart, Joe Zaraschi, Kit Schellens; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, September 24th, 2020, at 7:00 pm.
Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gleason
Recording Clerk