

3. **Approval of November 19, 2020, Meeting Minutes:**

MOTION: made by Terry Stewart to approve November 19, 2020, meeting minutes as presented; **SECONDED:** by Susan Malan; **Voting In Favor:** Susan Malan, Earl Fowler, Kit Schellens, Terry Stewart; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

4. **Public Comment**

Amy Gordon from Pettapaug Yacht Club requested the north end of the meadows mooring field to be moved south next year. There is a concern that the mooring boats might be in the way of the Sailing Academy activities.

Jeff Going replied that we will address that issue later in the meeting.

5. **Financial Report:**

Terry Stewart provided reports on the following balances as of the end of November 2020. Deposits included the online mooring deposit for the month.

Total Funds Balance--- a/o 11/1/20: \$32,351.92

MOTION made by Earl Fowler to approve the Treasures Report as presented. **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor;** Kit Schellens, Susan Malan, Earl Fowler ;
Opposed: None; **Abstaining:** Terry Stewart. **Approved:** 3/0/1. **Discussion:** No further discussion

Invoices:

- Clerk Invoice #45 from the Town of Essex: \$571.04
- Online Mooring Refund Receipt Total: \$4,459.99 REFUND NO. P17786

MOTION made by Susan Malan to approve the invoices as presented; **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, Susan Malan, Kit Schellens, Earl Fowler;
Opposed: None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

6. **Harbor Master Report:**

Paul Riggio provided the following Essex Harbormaster Report.

9 new mooring this year offered to applicants, however no responses have been made and they have until the end of 2020 to respond to claim these moorings.

Paul brought up having a commercial contractor(s) take over the setting of all moorings in the Meadows Anchorage. Currently about 75% are set by commercial contractors. Dave Fasulo and Paul Riggio agree that this would give us much better control and use of this area. There

may be some push back by PYC members, but they feel this is good for the overall harbor. This change would start in the spring of 2021

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to not allow private individuals to set moorings in the meadows, it will now be done so by a commercial installer. **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Earl Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

There was a request from the Fire Marshall to extend the North Cove channel markers up to Heritage Cove as they want to use the fire boat if needed to fight a fire at this location. Paul Riggio presented the John Planas's letter. Discussion continued on Agenda item.

Harbor Management Business

- **Atty Cassella Letter**

Joe Zaraschi emailed the commission prior to the meeting with his comments that he is in full agreement with the letter drafted by Chairman Going & Atty. Royston in response to the letter received by consul representing Bombaci Family LLC and their proposal for property at Great Meadows. Joe Zaraschi mentioned that their plan is INCONSISTENT with the Harbor Management Plan for Essex.

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to approve the response letter to Atty Cassella. **SECONDED** by Susan Malan; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Earl Fowler, Susan Malan; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

- **Schnidman Application - Docko**

An LWRD Application (DEEP) was sent to EHMC by Docko for 42 Crosstrees Hill Road, Schnidman. The proposed project is to retain and maintain a long standing pre 1995 floating dock system consisting of a 8 ft wide x 10(+/-)LF float all with the associated restraint framing from land, electric and water utilities and access ramp, waterward of the mean high water and CT coastal jurisdiction lines. There is no construction associated with this project, only retention and maintenance of the existing dock facilities which is ongoing on an as needed basis. Repairs will include occasionally resetting a displace stone concrete face crack sealing and seasonal launching and retrieving the floating dock. Application project drawings do not agree with Project description.

MOTION made by Terry Stewart to table the Schnidman Project, more information from the applicant will need to be presented to the EHMC; **SECONDED** by Susan Malan; **Voting In Favor;** Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Susan Malan, Earl Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0. **Discussion:** No further discussion.

- **North Cove Channel Markers**

Chris Going who is a Lieutenant in the Essex Fire Engine Co. sent a formal request that the Harbor Commission to continue with the channel markers that stop off Foxboro Point. It would be ideal if the commission could mark the channel on both east and west sides all the way to the entrance to Falls River Cove. This would assist the Fire Department in safe passage and help us to train our operators on how to get in and out should the need arise. The new fire boat is expected to arrive in Spring 2021.

Jeff Going said he will get in contact with Hydro Data Inc. to get pricing of a survey data for the North Cove channel markers.

- **Bergantino (Added in Post Agenda) - Docko**

Paul M. Bergantino, who boards the property to Schnidman wants to remove an existing pier and rock filled crib supported "T" pier head and construct a new 4 ft wide pile and timber pier with a 5 ft wide x 10-LF "L Shaped" pier head in the previous footprint all waterward of the Mean High Tide and CT Coastal Jurisdiction lines. The new dock facility will be constructed slight shifted to the north at the shoreline landing to pass between areas of tidal vegetation south of the existing dock in order to minimize environmental impact. The anticipated date of the project initiation is Winter/Spring 2021. Project drawings do not agree with written description.

MOTION made by Earl Fowler to table the Bergantino project and await more drawings from Docko to show us the float/pilings; **SECONDED** by Terry Stewart; **Voting In Favor**; Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Susan Malan, Earl Fowler; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 4/0/0. **Discussion**: No further discussion.

- **Town Public Access Ways**

Bushnell Access: Susan Malan asked if the EHMC has plans to add more kayak racks to the area since the waiting list is a lot. Paul Riggio says that the commission can go out and look at the area to see if any trees would need to be removed etc.

MOTION made by Susan Malan to add another kayak rack at Bushnell Access way and to discuss at the next EHMC meeting permit pricing; **SECONDED** by Kit Schellens; **Voting In Favor**; Terry Stewart, Kit Schellens, Susan Malan, Earl Fowler; **Opposed**: None; **Abstaining**: None; **Approved**: 4/0/0. **Discussion**: No further discussion.

Mack Lane/Novelty Lane None.

8. Correspondence No correspondence.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

MOTION made Kit Schellens by to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. **SECONDED** by Terry Stewart; **Voting In Favor:** Kit Schellens, Terry Stewart, Susan Malan, Earl Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0

Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Gleason
Recording Clerk