

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



**Town of Essex
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT 06426**

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Meeting Room B**

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

Members Present

- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Wally Schieferdecker, Vice Chairman
- John Senning
- Terry Stewart, Alternate
- Walter Wiegert, Treasurer
- Joe Zaraschi

Ex Officio Members Present

- Buddy Hitchcock, Deputy Harbor Master
- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Others Present

- Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina
- Cy Libby, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina
- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk

3. Approval of 12/18/14 Meeting Minutes

The December 18, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved to approve the December 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning, Walter Wiegert, and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Walter Wiegert reviewed the December 18, 2014 Treasurer's report.

Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to approve the December 18, 2014 Treasurer's report. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning and Joe Zaraschi; Walter Wiegert abstained; 3-0-1 motion approved.

Walter presented three invoices for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$269.08 for January 2015 Clerk Services;
- Receipt from Staples for Reimbursement - \$9.56 for batteries purchased by the Clerk on 1/4/15;
- Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina - \$1,641.83 for remaining one-half balance due for buoy maintenance.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved that we pay these three bills. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Walter noted that the cost of the buoys purchased from Gilman last year was \$5,049.00.

6. Harbor Master Report

Harbor Master Paul Riggio provided the Harbor Master Report as follows.

2015 Mooring Permit Renewal Update

Notice of nonrenewal letters were mailed to 14 people on January 20, 2015 for missing or no documentation with a response deadline of documentation due at Essex Town Hall by January 27, 2015. These included one of the top 10 on the wait list and the two from North Cove and one from South Cove that were on the wait list who we decided to give permits to. One nonrenewal letter was sent to Joseph Youll because he has opted not to keep his mooring. (Note Mr. Youll was incorrectly reported at the November 20, 2014 meeting as a sabbatical.)

Sabbaticals

- Edward Varano, Meadows, 12/16/14
- William Campbell, Main, 1/2/15

Commercial Renewals

The commercial renewals were mailed on January 15, 2015 with a response deadline of January 30, 2015.

Paul also presented a suggestion that he and Jeff have discussed with Doug Domenie and Cy Libby with regard to the use of unoccupied moorings at the main and southern portions of Essex Island Marina. The suggestion is let the Commission use five to seven of those moorings this season for people who are on the wait list. Because the Commission is asking for the use of the moorings, Brewer Dauntless would not be charged a sabbatical fee for them, and the people on the wait list who are given the use of them would still remain at the top of the wait list. These spots would be based on availability. This suggestion has been made for this season because of current market

changes, and we will see what happens next year. The suggestion was discussed and there were no objections to it.

7. Harbor Management Business

- **Capital Projects:** None.
- **Town Access Ways:** None.

8. Correspondence

A summary of the condition of the marks and repairs needed was received from Brewer Dauntless Shipyard and Marina. In this regard, Jeff noted that he has ordered three new marks with 10" black reflective tape lettering, and new lettering for the ones we bought last year. The cost is approximately \$5,100.00.

Cy Libby has suggested that the new buoys be used for E, F, and I, and that the old buoy E replace Meadows buoy B.

The cost for the repairs is \$936.70.

Motion: John Senning moved to authorize payment. Wally Schieferdecker seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

9. New Business

Jeff noted that he has begun to make editorial changes to the Harbor Management Plan and will send his suggested changes to everyone electronically. The plan will be sent to everyone in Word format so they can make their own edits.

Election of officers was discussed.

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved that the officers presently seated be reelected. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

This information will be sent to the Town Clerk.

Jeff noted that he received a visit today from EMS, who is looking at leasing space on the Northeast Corner of the Soundings Building with the idea of putting racks and kayaks on Brewer's property and having access to the Town ramp through an opening in the fence. Their plan is for paddling in North Cove and Falls River only, and if anyone does go out on the river these would be guided trips. Parking related to this was discussed, and they are only talking about 16 kayaks. Jeff asked them to send us a note about this and try to make the next Harbor Management Commission meeting. Jeff also told them they should be in touch with the Park and Recreation Commission about this.

Jeff noted that the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities is presenting a class on Ethics at Town Hall on Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon which is free and open to everyone.

Doug Dominie informed the Commission that Brewer Dauntless has submitted a COP for relocating D Dock on the Island just inside the fixed dock to relocate that dock about 27' north. There will be

the same number of slips on the north and south side; the only difference being that the slips on the south side will become 45 footers. Doug wanted the Commission to be aware of it as DEEP will request comment from them, and he is asking for a quick turnaround because the new dock is planned to be done in April.

Cy Libby asked if the mooring fees should be listed on the Harbor Management Commission website. They used to be there and will be added, along with the Bushnell Access permit fee.

10. Old Business

Joe Zaraschi reported that all of the vessels have been removed from Bushnell Park. Betsy McLaughlin noted that one small vessel registration has already been received for 2015.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Wally Schieferdecker moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: Wally Schieferdecker, John Senning, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk