

TOWN OF ESSEX  
**Harbor Management Commission**



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**Executive Board**  
*Jeffrey Going, Chairman*  
*Joseph Zaraschi, Vice Chair*  
*Terry Stewart, Treasurer*

**Regular Members**

*John Senning*  
*Walter Wiegert*

**Alternate Members**

*Earl Fowler*  
*Kit Schellens*

**MINUTES - Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.**

The Essex Harbor Management Commission conducted their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 26, 2017 in Room A of the Essex Town Hall.

**Attending Members**

Jeffery Going, Chair  
Joseph Zaraschi, Vice Chair  
Kit Schellens, seated for T Stewart  
Earl Fowler seated for seated for W Wiegert

**Absent Members**

Walter Wiegert  
Terry Stewart  
John Senning

**Ex Officio Member**

Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

**Staff:** Stella Beaudoin, Recording Secretary

**Others Present:**

Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina

**Audience:** There were 5 people in the audience.

**1. Approval of September 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** made by J Zaraschi to approve the September 28, 2017 as presented; **SECONDED** by E Fowler; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

No Discussion.

**2. Approval of the 2018 Meeting Schedule**

**MOTION** made by J Zaraschi to approve the 2018 Harbor Management Meeting Schedule for submission to Joel Marzi, Town Clerk, as presented; **SECONDED** by E Fowler; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

No Discussion.

### **3. Public Comment**

Barbara Marulli on behalf of Friends of Middle Cove West, stated that they would like to conduct dredging which is a privately funded endeavor, in the inlet space on the west side of the old trolley tracks. B Marulli stated that there are two forces coming together that have greatly diminished the area, which are the phragmites and the run-off from the storm drain at top of Main Street. B Marulli stated that efforts to spray for mosquito control in 2008 and 2010 were unsuccessful and she noted that the phragmites if treated, must be treated between July and October and must be at least 5 feet tall at the time of treatment. B Marulli stated that the phragmites will soon encompass the entire historic strip of land, noting that they are already growing on the east side of this strip and will soon encroach onto private property, causing the loss to the floor of the river bed and greatly diminished depth. B Marulli stated that she is working with a private consultant, Richard Snarski, wetlands soil scientist to mitigate the tremendous impact that the phragmites has had on the ecological system within the cove.

J Going noted that B Marulli has communicated with the DEEP and received formal communique in response. The DEEP did not recognize the private efforts that were put forward in 2008 and in 2010 and they remain opposed to dredging this area. B. Marulli stated that the CT River Gateway Commission is in support of the proposed dredging.

J Going stated that the Harbor Management Commission is on the same page insofar as the efforts put forward by the friends of Middle Cove West and the Commission supports those efforts. J. Going stated that the State of CT is in a floundering state of economy and remains without a budget, and no direction. J Going stated that B Marulli is moving forward in the right direction and noted that the HMC continues to support their efforts.

### **4. Financial Report**

J Going presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of T Stewart, as of October 26, 2017:

- Liberty Checking Account Balance as of 9/1/2017; \$749.56
- Liberty Public Access Account Balance as of 9/1/2017; \$981.68
- Liberty General Account Balance as of 9/30/2017; \$61,680.00, with the Total funds, \$52,421.32

**MOTION** made by E Fowler to approve the October 26, 2017 Treasurer's report as presented; **SECONDED** by K Schellens; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

No Discussion.

- Time Sheets: Stella Beaudoin, 9.30 hours and Betsy McLaughlin, 10.25 hours.

**MOTION** made by E Fowler to approve the time for Stella Beaudoin and Betsy McLaughlin related to administrative services, as presented; **SECONDED** by J Zaraschi; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

No Discussion.

## **5. Harbor Master Report**

Harbor Master Paul Riggio reported that the Online Moorings program is working well. There was a glitch with email communications, however P Riggio stated that he has since resolved the problem. P Riggio will send out an email blast explaining the issue and the resolution.

P Riggio stated that he received a letter from David Guernsey related to a mooring location.

J Zaraschi will contact Brad Hurley, Online Moorings, LLC and inquire as to when the monies collected on behalf of the HMC will be deposited into the Commission's account.

J Zaraschi reported that W Wiegert looked at historical chart data and his best determination was that buoy R-26 has moved approximately 80 yards westward since 1979.

## **6. Harbor Management Business**

### **Capital Projects - SHIPP Grant Proposal Update**

J Going stated that there is no update on the SHIPP Grant Proposal. The State of CT Budget must be passed before the bonding can be set. Once the budget is set, a determination will be rendered.

### **Town Access Ways**

J Going reported that Paige Lescure who presented at the May 2017 HMC meeting on behalf of the Public Access Way landscaping plan is accomplishing the design plan as presented and she is on schedule at the Mack Lane access. J Going noted that the plantings have been installed as has the landscaping barrier.

### **Town Dock Maintenance/Replacement**

J Going reported on using the same location for and enlarging the float. Keith Nelson, Docko who put the proposal together has experience in enlarging the float and keeping it under a COP. J Going stated that rock removal was also discussed and if the float were to be enlarged, it would mean extending it westward to a rock-strewn location. J Going stated that there is a likelihood that the DEEP will look favorably on the removal of the obstruction to the float.

- **Fee Applications for Small Vessel Storage Permits**

J Zaraschi suggested that the Commission impose a \$10 fee for Wait list applicants so as to cover some of the Commission's expenses.

**MOTION** made by J Zaraschi to change the yearly fee for small vessel permits from \$25 to \$30 and to impose a \$10 fee for applicants who wish to be placed on the wait list, effective November 1, 2017; **SECONDED** by K Schellens; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

No Discussion.

## **7. Correspondence**

J Going reported a COP was awarded to Charles Atwood at 30 Main Street; A COP awarded for Lifland, 61 River Road for the dock retention project; a revised COP for C. Pratt 16, Scholes Lane for bulkhead and landscaping.

## **8. New Business**

There was no new business.

## **9. Old Business**

J Going reported that there is a section in the Essex Events on the Harbor Management Commission.

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**

J Going reported that the grant is in a holding pattern until the State budget is passed.

J Going reported that W. Wiegert's term ends December 31, 2017.

## **10. Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by J Zaraschi to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm until the next regularly scheduled meeting which will be conducted on November 16, 2017 at 7:30pm, Essex Town Hall, Conference Room A, 29 West Avenue, Essex, CT; **SECONDED** by E Fowler; **Voting In Favor:** J Zaraschi, K Schellens, E Fowler; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 3/0/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stella C. Beaudoin  
Recording Secretary