

# ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



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

**Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
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**

- Earl Fowler, Alternate
- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Kit Schellens, Alternate
- John Senning
- Terry Stewart, Treasurer
- Joe Zaraschi, Vice Chairman

### **Ex Officio Members Present**

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

### **Others Present**

- Cy Libby, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina

## **3. Approval of October Regular Meeting Minutes**

The October 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes were reviewed.

***Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the October 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion. Those in favor: John Senning, Terry Stewart, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

## **4. Public Comment**

Cy Libby shared a picture of the Town Park float and said he would have it out of the water in the next day or so.

## 5. Financial Report

Terry Stewart presented the November 17, 2016 Treasurer's report.

***Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to approve the November 17, 2016 Treasurer's report. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: John Senning and Joe Zaraschi, Terry Stewart abstained; 2-0-1 motion approved.***

Two invoices were presented for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$296.08 for November Clerk Services;
- Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina - \$1,698.00 for pulling the harbor marks and town floats.

***Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the invoices presented. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: John Senning, Terry Stewart, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

## 6. Harbor Master Report

Paul noted that he sent Will Campbell an email today notifying him that his mooring permit ended on October 31, 2016 and his boat needs to be moved off his mooring by Saturday, November 19, 2016 or it will be towed at his expense. Discussion ensued as to the past practice/policy for boat removal deadlines. Typically the boats are out of the water by now but the deadline is technically driven by a calendar year and the issue becomes the period of time for which the boat is insured. Harbor Commission guidelines related to this will be reviewed and clarifications made if needed.

There was also discussion about re-wording/clarification of storm warning requirements and the implications of not following protocol for same.

The following is a summary of 2017 mooring permit renewals to date.

- **2017 Sabbatical Requests**
  - Peter Emblin, Main
  - Charles Fox, Main
  - Buddy Hitchcock, Main
  - Tim Houchin, Main
  - Michael Tagatac, Main
- **Giving up Moorings 2017**
  - Norm Needleman, Main
  - Charlotte Posey, Main
  - Dennis Powers, Main
- **Nonrenewals for Lack of Use**
  - Thomas Pinkowich, Main

- **Nonrenewals for No Response/Failure to Provide Paperwork**

- Pierre Boulanger, Main
- Harold Parunak, Main
- Doug Soper, Main
- Christopher Cole, Meadows
- Ben Falivene, Meadows
- Roger Williams, Meadows

- **Top 10 Wait List**

**Two of the Top 10 did not submit paperwork so will lose their spot:**

- Peter Coombs
- Sean Peterson

**Three of the Top 10 giving up their spot:**

- Phil Dicky
- Chris Pagliuco
- Patick Shea

- **New Wait List Requests**

- Robert F. Dawes, South Cove, check dated 11/1/16
- Mimi Merton, Mack Lane, check dated 11/1/16

The Wait List was reviewed and discussed. Paul will review and work on the Wait List to see who can be given a mooring for the 2017 season.

### **Harbor Management Business**

- **Capital Projects**

Jeff has submitted an application to DEEP for an extension on the Certificate of Permission for the rock pile/old pier removal at the south end of the harbor.

- **Town Access Ways**

Kit Schellens raised the possibility of having a place for skiffs/small boats to tie up at one of the public access ways for short periods of time. Ideas were discussed and the Commission would welcome a proposal if someone volunteers to come up with one.

The condition of the Town dock was discussed. The wear on some of the pilings is huge and someone is needed to make repairs. It was suggested that it be made a floating dock instead of a fixed dock.

The Lescure easement situation for the Mack Lane access is believed to have been resolved, but the Commission is waiting for notification from the Selectman's office to confirm. The proposal would need to include some sort of paved driveway, not loose stone.

## 7. Correspondence

A letter dated October 31, 2016 was received from Roger Field expressing his concern that the Commission is going to make some mooring placement changes in the Meadows south anchorage area.

## 8. New Business

- 2017 Meeting Schedule

The 2017 proposed meeting schedule was reviewed.

***Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the 2017 proposed meeting schedule. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion. Those in favor: John Senning, Terry Stewart, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

## Old Business

- **Confiscated Vessel Auction**

John Senning has determined that the disposal of our abandoned vessels would qualify under the new statute and will be a less expensive way of disposing of them. It will need to be done in the name of the Town of Essex with the Essex Harbor Management Commission as its agent. He is working on getting this done.

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**

No update.

- **Newsletter**

Jeff noted that the layout possibilities are being worked on right now and he hopes to have this done by the end of this year.

## **Other**

Paul noted that 20 years ago there were 60 people on the wait list for a mooring permit and that based on a preliminary review it will be down to eight people in the Main and eight people in the Meadows for 2017.

## 11. Adjournment

***Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. John Senning seconded the motion. Those in favor: John Senning, Terry Stewart, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk**