

# ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



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

**Regular Meeting  
Thursday, June 25, 2015  
Meeting Room A**

## **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
- 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

Terry Stewart was seated for John Senning and Earl Fowler was seated for Wally Schieferdecker.

## **3. Approval of May 28, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

The May 28, 2015 meeting minutes were reviewed.

***Motion: Terry Stewart moved to approve the May 28, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Terry Stewart, Walter Wiegert, and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

#### **4. Public Comment**

None.

#### **5. Financial Report**

Treasurer Walter Wiegert reviewed the June 25, 2015 Treasurer's report.

***Motion: Joe Zaraschi moved to approve the June 25, 2015 Treasurer's report. Earl Fowler seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Terry Stewart and Joe Zaraschi; Walter Wiegert abstained; 3-0-1 motion approved.***

Walter presented one invoice for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$269.08 for June 2015 Clerk Services.

***Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the invoice presented. Terry Stewart seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Terry Stewart, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

#### **6. Harbor Master Report**

##### New Wait List Requests

- Michael & Susan Sperzel, Meadows, check dated 5/31/15
- Scott Jenkins, North Cove, check dated 6/9/15
- Phil Dickey, Main, check dated 6/18/15

##### Wait List Renewal

- Robert J. Osborn, Jr., Main, check dated 6/2/15

A meeting was held with First Selectman Norm Needleman, Jeff Going, Paul Riggio, Doug Domenie, Officer Paul Kenefick and Corporal Russ Gingras to discuss the police boat concerns. A line of communication has been established, everyone is aware of our concerns, and the situation will be monitored. If there is no improvement, Norm Needleman will be informed.

Paul raised the issue of moorings not being ready for inspection by the April 1 deadline and suggested a letter be sent out about this. The deadline will be stressed when the renewals go out for the next season and the communication will state that if the moorings are not ready for inspection on April 1 they will not get a mooring.

Paul stated that there are some harbor marks that are going off station too easily and suggested starting a program for their replacement. Cy Libby will do some research on replacement options and pricing.

Paul addressed the concerns raised in his absence at the last meeting about the procedural situation and potential issues with regard to Tom Riggio's permit applications and wait list position. He stated that procedure was followed and asked that any questions or concerns raised in the future in his absence be tabled to the next meeting when he is present to address them.

## 7. Harbor Management Business

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

The Porta Potty is in place at Bushnell Access and Joe Zaraschi will try to make arrangements for the hedgerow to be trimmed.

Storage capacity for small vessels at Bushnell Access was discussed. It was decided that there is enough room for the five people on the wait list and the three new applications that have been received. Betsy will contact everyone on the wait list and ask them to send a check for the registration fee if they are still interested in getting a permit.

## 8. Correspondence

A copy of the COP Application to expand floating dock use at the Connecticut River Museum was received.

A copy of the Town of Essex Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget approved at the May 11, 2015 Town Meeting was also received.

## 9. New Business

None.

## 10. Old Business

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**

The Harbor Management Plan update project was moved to the next meeting.

Paul has the stenciling for the Main Street dock and will take care of putting it up.

## 11. Adjournment

***Motion: Earl Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Walter Wiegert seconded the motion. Those in favor: Earl Fowler, Terry Stewart, Walter Wiegert and Joe Zaraschi; 4-0-0 motion unanimously approved.***

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk**