

ESSEX HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION



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

**Regular Meeting
Thursday, August 25, 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

- Jeff Going, Chairman
- Terry Stewart, Treasurer
- Walter Wiegert
- Joe Zaraschi, Vice Chairman

Ex Officio Members Present

- Paul Riggio, Harbor Master

Others Present

- Doug Domenie, Brewer Dauntless Shipyard & Marina

3. Approval of July Regular Meeting Minutes

The July 28, 2016 regular meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the July 28, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion. Those in favor: Terry Stewart, Walter Wiegert, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Financial Report

Terry Stewart presented the August 25, 2016 Treasurer's report. He noted that we will not see a paper statement service charge going forward because everything will be electronic and that Kelly Sterner and Jeff Going have complete access to the on line accounts.

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to approve the August 25, 2016 Treasurer's report. Joe Zaraschi seconded the motion. Those in favor: Joe Zaraschi and Walter Wiegert, Terry Stewart abstained; 2-0-1 motion approved.

Four invoices were presented for approval:

- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$7.88 balance due for July Clerk Services due to July 1, 2016 increase
- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$296.08 for August Clerk Services
- Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk - \$290.25 - Reimbursement for purchase of pre-stamped & printed envelopes from USPS for mooring renewal mailing;
- Paul Riggio - \$32.97 - Reimbursement for survey map copies.

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

6. Harbor Master Report

Paul was told by the Town Clerk that his term as Harbor Master is either up or almost up. The Commission has not been notified about this.

Paul, Jeff and Cy Libby took a tour of the harbor to look at the anchorages and pilings, starting with the area where Foxboro Point is proposing the new structure. He provided everyone with a copy of a bathymetric study of the North Cove and Harbor area. The study of the North Cove area shows that the depth and width of the channel north of the Brewer docks should allow for two or three additional boats. There should also be room for three or four more boats in the Meadows with better organization and management of the layout. Discussion ensued about how to manage this area and the Essex Boat Club will be invited to the October meeting to discuss this further.

Another concern is that if boats are allowed to travel between the western and eastern rows, we need to put red and green markers out so people know where they are supposed to go to assure safe navigation. This involves obtaining a permit from DEEP, purchasing and maintaining them.

Paul reported on his follow up to the collision in the northern anchorage that was discussed at the last meeting. The person whose boat was hit thinks it was hit because it swings into the fairway and he would like to be moved south. Paul thinks there will be a lot of options to make appropriate adjustments to the layout next year.

Jeff noted that the southern anchorage marker "H" is way out of position and "E" is too far north from where it should be. Cy Libby has been made aware of this. He will position "G", "H" & "J" in a straight line, line up "E" properly and get a new GPS coordinate on it for better placement next year.

Paul is attending a Town emergency preparedness meeting on Monday, August 29, 2016 and noted that we should be ready to do an e-blast if needed. Paul will provide Betsy with language for this.

Paul learned from the Town Clerk that in order to get the survey maps filed legally, they need to be on mylar paper, signed and stamped. He is taking care of getting this done.

New Wait List Requests

- Joseph J. Reardon, Jr., Meadows, check dated 8/10/16
- Loftus Townshend Jestin, Main, check dated 8/22/16

7. Harbor Management Business

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

8. Correspondence

- CTMA notice about the dredging call to action event in New London on August 17, 2016. Jeff noted that the event was well attended and the dredging situation was discussed.
- Copy of COP from DEEP for the Valley Railroad Company to rebuild and fortify the bridge over Deep River at the Deep River/Chester line.

9. New Business

10. Old Business

- **Bushnell Access Cleanup/Plantings**

The project is almost complete. Resident Howard Tuttle has offered to purchase three more trees to add to the border, but the Commission feels that there is not enough room for three more trees. Jeff will let Mr. Tuttle know this.

- **Confiscated Vessel Auction**

John Senning was not present but an update is expected from him at the September meeting.

- **Harbor Management Plan Update**

Jeff Going will be getting Betsy more involved in this project.

- **Newsletter**

Betsy will be preparing the newsletter for printing.

Other

Paul has learned that there is some environmental-restoration grant money available from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund for Essex. The Commission expressed interest in this. Paul will find out more about this - how to apply and what projects we can apply for.

Jeff noted that the Foxboro Point proposal will be on the September meeting agenda. He shared the conversation he had with Foxboro Point resident Andrea Woolston about the project's background. Docko will be providing Betsy with details and materials related to this for the meeting. Since it may become a public hearing, the auditorium has been reserved.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Walter Wiegert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Terry Stewart seconded the motion. Those in favor: Terry Stewart, Walter Wiegert, and Joe Zaraschi; 3-0-0 motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy McLaughlin, Clerk