

Newburyport Harbor Commission
Newburyport Public Library Program Room
February 11, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Brad Duffin called a meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Brad Duffin, Chris Kealey, Bob Dow and Justin Dutcher. Jamie Knapp, Paul Rooney, Andrew Casson, Dan May and Paul Dahn were absent.

2. Minutes

Bob Dow moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting as submitted. Chris Kealey seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Justin Dutcher abstaining.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Budget and Finance Committee

No report.

Regulations, Safety and Moorings

No report.

Coast Guard City Liaison and Community Outreach Committee

A copy of the letter Mayor Holaday received indicating the steps that must be taken for the renewal of the Coast Guard City designation was distributed to Commission members.

4. Harbormaster's Report

Paul Hogg submitted a written report that included the following information:

- he met with the Army Corp and MRBA to continue the conversation about dredging and erosion issues on Plum Island.
- bids for the Harbormaster's Facility are due on February 18. Website activity indicates there is a good amount of interest in the project.
- a man-overboard training exercise was held on February 10 at the Whittier Bridge. The Harbormaster's Department continues to be praised for its support and training.
- he is preparing the database for the 2016 waterway and mooring permits.
- he is working on the FY17 budget with Andrew Casson. The goals and objectives have been completed and were forwarded to Chairman Duffin.
- a training exercise for emergency management at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant that took place on February 10 went extremely well.

5. General Discussion

Former Harbormaster Ralph Steele had installed a sign with language that conflicts with the City ordinance with regards to dinghies and inflatables. The ordinance on line differs from the written version in that it does not include all amendments. Chris Kealey will research the ordinance and post an accurate version on line. If the sign disagrees with the ordinance, it shall be replaced. This would provide an opportunity to improve the sign in other ways, such as making the language more succinct.

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A recent article in the *Daily News* discussed erosion on Plum Island and the build up of sand near the Charos docks. Members of the Storm Surge group suggested the creation of a hole in the south jetty could be beneficial in fighting the erosion. The item shall be placed on the agenda of the March meeting for discussion.

Paul Dahn researched the price of a trailer to house the Harbormaster's office while the new facility is being constructed. A 60-foot trailer with an accessible ramp, restroom, office and storage would cost approximately \$9,000.

The members will look into improving the ramp at Joppa Park and the dinghy docks at Cashman Park.

6. Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment

Chris Kealey moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Justin Dutcher seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission will take place on Thursday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.