

**Newburyport Harbor Commission**  
City Council Chambers  
May 12, 2016  
Minutes

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Brad Duffin called a meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission to order at 7:10 p.m. In attendance were Brad Duffin, Jamie Knapp, Andrew Casson, Paul Rooney, Chris Kealey and Justin Dutcher. Harbormaster Paul Hogg was also present. Dan May, Bob Dow and Paul Dahn were absent.

**2. Harbormaster's Report**

Paul Hogg reported that:

- The Coast Guard has added a lighted tower to the south jetty to replace the #5 green can.
- He attended a safety training session in Gloucester sponsored by Fishing Partnership. He would like to host the class in Newburyport.
- He hosted two surprise man-overboard drills at the Whittier Bridge.
- He has been working with the Maritime Museum to plan the visit of the tall ship *El Galeon* on Memorial Day weekend.
- On May 21a children's fishing clinic will be held at Cashman Park and a drive-in movie will be shown at the Plum Island lot.
- National Grid has replaced the 200-amp transformer with a 400-amp one at the site of the new facility. The old building has been removed and the piles will be driven for the new structure in the next week.
- The hiring and training of staff for the upcoming season has been completed.
- The office has sold 610 Waterways stickers to date.
- He wrote a letter of support for emergency dredging proposed at the *Captain's Lady* dock.
- The safe boat has been taken out of the water for maintenance. The Dusky received for free from Salisbury runs well and has been added to the rotation of details.

**3. Minutes**

Jamie Knapp moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting as submitted. Paul Rooney seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**4. General Business**

Jim Reed asked about the status of the proposal by Newburyport.com to install two cameras on the Coast Guard Auxiliary building on Plum Island. The Commission has not yet received a written proposal that might be reviewed by the City Solicitor and letters of support from the Police Department, the Mayor and the Coast Guard, as was requested at the November 2015 meeting.

Zane Quarantiello asked to be allowed to tie up to the public docks once or twice a week and display an on-call captain sign for fishing charters. The Commission members were not able to endorse this activity. The Waterfront Trust has lease agreements with commercial entities on the Transportation Dock. This might be seen as allowing competition without a lease. The situations are not comparable because Mr. Quarantiello is not requesting a set location or

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even a guaranteed space, but the Commission members were concerned about the precedent that would be set. In addition grants the Commission received to create a facility for recreational boating would prohibit the operation of a commercial business from the public docks. It would be acceptable for him to advertise the service and pick up the passengers on the docks. He would also be able to advertise from his boat if it were on a mooring.

**6. Subcommittee Reports**

**Budget and Finance Committee**

The City Council is reviewing the draft budget.

**Regulations, Safety and Moorings Committee**

No report.

**Coast Guard City Liaison and Community Outreach Committee**

Work continues on the preparation of the Coast Guard City recertification package. Cub Scouts troops from Rowley and Georgetown will be touring Station Merrimack River.

**7. Adjournment**

Paul Rooney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Jamie Knapp seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The next meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission will take place on Thursday, June 9.