

Newburyport Harbor Commission

Online Meeting

June 23, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Andrew Casson called a special on-line meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Andrew Casson, Bob Dow, Justin Dutcher, Jamie Knapp, Ron Thurlow and George Sass. Jay Lesynski and Adam Armstrong were absent.

2. Coast Guard City Renewal Application

Ron Thurlow said he reviewed the changes made to the body of the application at the previous meeting and this section is nearly complete. The Mayor's cover letter will be at the front of the package, along with the political endorsements. Letters have been received from Governor Baker, Representative Kelcourse and Senator DiZoglio. Letters from the Harbor Commission and the Hines Foundation should also be included. Photographs of activities will be placed at the end of the application. The completed package will be sent to Gwenda Bradford at the Coast Guard and to Station Merrimack River. The trainings, Yankee Homecoming activities and help provided during the government shutdown through the Hines Foundation make the package a strong one.

3. Waterfront Trust Lease

Andrew Casson will meet with Wilbur Shenk to discuss the draft lease. The repair of the bulkhead has been included in the City's capital improvement plan, with the enterprise fund being one of three funding sources. The Harbor Commission does not support this. It is not in the budget and the Commission would not accept being required to lease the bulkhead while at the same time being responsible for its repair.

4. Other Business

Ron Thurlow has conducted a fourth kayak safety class. Signage has been installed at the fuel dock. Signs are needed for the launch sites.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33. The next meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission will take place on July 7.