

Newburyport Harbor Commission

Online Meeting

June 8, 2022

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Andrew Casson called a hybrid meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Andrew Casson, Bob Dow, Jamie Knapp, Adam Armstrong, Ron Thurlow, George Sass, Justin Dutcher and Chris Charos. Jay Lesynski was absent. Harbormaster Paul Hogg was also in attendance.

2. Minutes

Jamie Knapp moved to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2022, meeting. Bob Dow seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Committee Assignments

Andrew Casson said the new administration should have an understanding of the purview of the Commission and its operation as an enterprise system. The Commission's budget is front-end loaded, while the other departments run at a deficit. The subcommittees should be active in order for the Commission to maintain autonomy while carrying out its mission. The members should indicate the subcommittees on which they would like to serve before the next meeting. The subcommittees include: Marketing and Coast Guard City; Moorings, Docks and Infrastructure; Regulations and Safety; Finance; and Long-term Planning, which includes dredging.

4. Market Landing Park

Paul Hogg said he has attended many meetings and provided a great deal of information in support of the City's applications for state and federal grants for the repair of the bulkhead.

5. General Discussion

The City is updating its system, which will allow watershed applications to be filed on-line. Dianne Boisvert of the Planning Department has offered to create a spreadsheet of past applications. The Commission will be able to compare the applications to the existing conditions.

Ron Thurlow distributed draft content for the Cashman Award plaque, along with examples of plaques and photographs of the proposed location. He said the 12' x 12' plaque would be mounted at the same height and angle as the interpretive signage on the Rail Trail. He will amend the language based on comments of the Commission members and re-circulate it.

A kayak safety class was held in May.

6. Harbormaster's Report

Paul Hogg reported that:

- The Gillis Bridge has been reopened.

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- The dredging project has been put out to bid. The work is expected to take place in the fall.
- He has obtained a dumpster for the clean-up of the fish pier.
- He should receive the new truck at the end of the month.
- The budget meeting is scheduled for June 15.

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7. Adjournment

Jamie Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Bob Dow seconded the motion. The motion was approved.