

Newburyport Harbor Commission
City Council Chambers
June 9, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Brad Duffin called a meeting of the Newburyport Harbor Commission to order at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were Brad Duffin, Jamie Knapp, Paul Rooney and Chris Kealey. Harbormaster Paul Hogg was also present. Dan May, Andrew Casson, Bob Dow, Justin Dutcher and Paul Dahn were absent.

2. Minutes

Jamie Knapp moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting as submitted. Paul Rooney seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Waterfront Pizza Sale Proposal

Cliff Raskind and Anthony Allen asked for approval to sell pizza on demand from an inflatable boat. Mr. Allen is the owner of Otto Pizza. They wish to take part in the activity with their 12 and 13 year old sons and would limit it to days that are busy on the waterfront. The boat would be stored on their property or at the American Yacht Club. The docks would only be used for restocking. An adult would be on board at all times and would drive the boat.

The Harbor Commission does not have jurisdiction over the activity. The Commission members recommended they consult with Richard Jones about the type of food-service license that might be required. They also suggested they take a boater safety course, look into insurance and obtain self-inflating life vests. No action on the part of the Commission was required.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Budget and Finance Committee

None

Regulations, Safety and Moorings Committee

None

Coast Guard City Liaison and Community Outreach Committee

The Coast Guard City recertification package has been submitted to Mayor Holaday. Her roll is now to endorse it, obtain political support and forward it to the Coast Guard for approval.

Paul Rooney moved to name Rich Robenno, Auxiliarist from Flotilla 38, as the recipient of this year's Cashman Award. He said he exemplifies the spirit of the award. Chris Kealey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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5. Harbormaster's Report

Paul Hogg reported that:

- Army Corp. approval has been received for the emergency dredging application George Charos submitted for Plum Island Point. The dredging is to be done to a depth of 14 feet and approximately 3,621 cubic yards of sand would be removed. The sand will be stockpiled and used for beach nourishment on Plum Island.
- A fishing clinic for children was held at the new fish pier at Cashman Park. The 35 participants were taught how to bait hooks, cast and measure fish. They caught 10 stripers.
- The visit of the tall ship *El Galeon* over Memorial Day weekend was extremely successful. On the following weekend over 1,300 tours were given on the first day of the visit of the tall ship *Lynx*, a 122-foot replica of a privateer.
- A budget meeting with the City Council subcommittee went well with minimal questions. The budget will go to the full Council on June 13.
- The old steel has been taken down at the Whittier Bridge. Two safety and man-overboard trainings were held with the construction team, one during the day and the other at night. The south channel will continue to be restricted while a bridge pier is being removed.
- June 11 was “touch-a-boat day” for kids.
- A training took place last week with the dive team on the policy and procedures to be used during emergencies.
- Some family members questioned why the fisherman's monument is being dismantled and moved. He explained to them the copper plaques and bronze memorial are being refurbished and a new foundation for the base will be installed. The memorial's new location will be a prominent one and it will be highlighted with ground-mounted spotlights. It will be situated in a brick plaza with plantings and benches. A re-dedication ceremony for the memorial is being planned for September 5, 2016, the 20th anniversary of the sinking of the *Heather Lynne II*.
- Old docks and trailers were removed from Cashman Park in order to prepare it for the 5th Annual Flag Day 5K road race that will start and end at the park on Saturday, June 11.

6. Adjournment

Paul Rooney moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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, July 14.