

Newburyport Harbor Commission

Online Meeting

July 13, 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, Justin Dutcher, Jay Lesynski and Chris Charos. Adam Armstrong participated remotely. Ron Thurlow and George Sass were absent. Harbormaster Paul Hogg was also in attendance.

2. Minutes

Jamie Knapp moved to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2022, meeting. Justin Dutcher seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

3. Committee Assignments

Members were asked to volunteer for the following committees: Finance; Docks, Moorings and Infrastructure; Public Safety and Regulations; and Marketing and Coast Guard City. Dredging and Long-Term Planning will be committees of the whole.

4. Coast Guard City

The 2020 Cashman Award will be granted to all of the men and women of the Coast Guard for. A ceremony will not take place during Yankee Homecoming but will instead be held later in the year.

5. Market Landing Park

There might not be power to the docks during the first year of the construction of the new park.

6. Harbormaster's Report

Paul Hogg reported that:

- A \$40,000 grant was received for the dredging of the outer channel. Two bids were received for the dredging project.
- A boater safety check was held with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at Cashman Park.
- He participated in a podcast on Joppa Radio.
- The new boat will be shipped in November. The new truck has arrived at the dealership.
- A fifth fatality has occurred in the river this season. He was not notified of the event. A discussion took place of an effective means of notifying all of the appropriate departments.
- The City contracted with an outside party to conduct a review of its operational process. He was not interviewed during the process. A concern of the contractor was the number of duties for which one person was responsible. It was recommended the Harbormaster's Department should be removed and placed under the control of the City Marshall in the Police Department. Mayor Reardon stated both verbally and in writing that there would be no change to the operation of the department.

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7. Adjournment

Jamie Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Justin Dutcher seconded the motion. The motion was approved.