

**Neenah Harbor Committee Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2020 at 4:00PM**

Due to the Public Health Emergency caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting occurred at a virtual location by conference call.

Minutes

Members Present: T. Buchta, T. Galloway, J. Rather, L. Erickson, P. Casper, L. Hemes

Members Absent: J. Ross

Others Present: D. Reid, NNYC; T. Stevenson, Council; M. Kading, Director

1. Chair Buchta called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.
2. Appearances: None
3. MSC Galloway / Erickson to approve the minutes from May 13, 2019. Motion Carried.
4. **Weed harvesting:** Director Kading reported that because of COVID-19 EAA has cancelled their weed harvesting for 2020. We typically partnered with the EAA and vendors to receive a discount in costs to mobilize. While this will cost more in 2020 we will be able to be more flexible when we want the harvesting to be completed. We are likely to be targeting the end of July / beginning of August. Once again we will coordinate the transportation of weeds by our staff and the opening of the additional gates to encourage good flow through the Harbor, specifically in front of Shattuck Park if needed.
5. **Neenah buoys - Condition, Repair / Replacement:** Once again, the NNYC has evaluated and repaired the buoys. Six new buoys were purchased and installed. We now have 1 green and red in the inventory if needed. The suggestion has been made to install “strong current” buoys. Over the last couple of years this certainly has been a concern. Don Reid and Director Kading will be working to develop a new buoy plan for the Harbor that will be submitted to the WIDNR this fall.

Seawall Solutions has once again been contracted to install / remove the buoys. The buoys were installed by the end of April. We had 3 buoys that needed to be moved due to misplacement.

County buoys were installed. The new LED lights on the buoys look good and can be seen.

6. Doty Park Seawall Update: Staff was able to investigate and complete some repairs to the Doty Park Seawall. The balance of the seawall will need to be replaced after 30 years of service to the community. This is likely to be a very expensive repair.
7. Hewitt Island Seawall: Director Kading reported that Public Works, Community Development, City Attorney’s office and the Mayor’s office are aware of and are monitoring the situation. Neenah Paper has been contacted regarding the condition of the seawall and have asked the city to provide proof of failure, which would require an engineering study.

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The city will operate the control gates as needed for our best interest.

Galloway indicated that he was going to reach out to someone he knows that has knowledge of the Fox River Dam system.

8. **NNYC Updates:** Don Reid, NNYC Harbor Master indicated that the recent high winds caused damaged in the harbor, to sail boats that broke free of their moorings. Sunday was a long night retrieving boats. The club is cognizant of the COVID situation and is responding accordingly.
9. **Announcements and future agenda items:**
 - T. Buchta thanked the NNYC for all of their help and support.
 - Director Kading indicated that he was in contact with FVSS regarding their summer program.
 - By the sounds of the last communication they intend to move forward with necessary modifications.
10. MSC Buchta / Casper to adjourn at 4:51 pm. Motion Carried.

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