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**From:** Eric Knott <Eric.Knott@morantug.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 1:39 PM  
**To:** Board of Representatives; EMitchell@StamfordCT.goc; Skigen, Randall  
**Cc:** Ortelli, Damian; Martin, David  
**Subject:** FW: Non-payment of Harbor Master expenses required under CT Statute 15-2  
**Attachments:** 2016 02 28 invoice 01 phone service hats sub0229 ff.pdf; 2016 03 29 invoice 02 haulout and maintenance sub 0329 ff.pdf

Board Members,

May I respectfully draw your attention to the below communications and information.

As the senior Board in the city, you should be aware of actions that effect the safety of residents and the proper and legal discharge of responsibilities within our city.

Please contact me if you require additional information

Respectfully

Eric Knott

*Captain Eric Knott msc.*

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State Harbor Master for Stamford CT

203 219 2334

[Harbormaster@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:Harbormaster@StamfordCT.gov)

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*Captain Jack Sparrow*

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**From:** Eric Knott

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:58 AM

**To:** Governor.Malloy@CT.gov; Walsh, Charles <Charles.Walsh@ct.gov>; Mayor David Martin <dmartin@stamfordct.gov>

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Monck, Robert <RMonck@StamfordCT.gov>

**Subject:** Non-payment of Harbor Master expenses required under CT Statute 15-2

**Importance:** High

Governor Malloy,

Further to my message below, please find attached a claim, under CT General Statute 15-2 totaling \$1,229.73 US for out of pocket expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of my required duties under state law and Stamford Harbor Management Plan as State appointed Harbor Master for Stamford.

Independent legal advice recommended that this is a step I should take prior to instigating a maritime lien against a City of Stamford owned vessel.

These expenses were pre-approved in detail by full meetings of the Stamford Harbor Management Commission (public record) and, for the most part, relate to running costs and required maintenance of a city owned Harbor Commission boat assigned, under the Harbor Management Plan, to the operational control of the State Harbor Master. Stamford Mayor, David Martin has refused to reimburse these expenses during a full meeting of the Commission (public record).

Under CT State General Statute 15-2, I formally submit these expense claims for consideration and payment in full. I very much regret having to make this claim against the State, but Mayor Martin has left me no choice, bluntly refusing the claim (prior claims have been properly and routinely paid since my appointment in 2014) and indicating no intention of a willingness to work with the State Harbor Master (myself) or the Harbor Commission to move forwards with the claim for out of pocket expenses and develop a system that is acceptable and workable by all parties.

I respectfully await your response.  
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**From:** Eric Knott

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 19, 2016 11:16 PM

**To:** 'Mayor David Martin' <[dmartin@stamfordct.gov](mailto:dmartin@stamfordct.gov)>; 'Ortelli, Damian' <[DOrtelli@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:DOrtelli@StamfordCT.gov)>; 'Jankowski, Ted' <[TJankowski@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:TJankowski@StamfordCT.gov)>; Fedeli, Frank <[FFedeli@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:FFedeli@StamfordCT.gov)>; 'tips@ctnews.com' <[tips@ctnews.com](mailto:tips@ctnews.com)>; 'Governor.Malloy@CT.gov' <[Governor.Malloy@CT.gov](mailto:Governor.Malloy@CT.gov)>; 'JFountain@StamfordCT.gov' <[JFountain@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:JFountain@StamfordCT.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Non-payment of Harbor Master expenses required under CT Statute 15-2

Mr. Mayor,

As you are aware, I was appointed as State Harbor Master for Stamford on 6/20/2016.

Since that time, I have, as required by the Stamford Harbor Management Plan, operated a city owned Harbor Commission boat, marked as “City of Stamford Harbor Master” and equipped as a public safety vessel.

I have been required to pay for fuel and necessary maintenance out of my own pocket and claim the monies back from the city through the Harbor Commission. All expenses have been specifically identified and preapproved by the full Harbor Commission. At times, I have been out of pocket (my personal account) more than \$2,000. It takes, on average, 2-3 months to get reimbursed.

I am presently out of pocket to the extent \$1229.73 for essential maintenance carried out on the city owned boat and preapproved in detail by the Harbor Commission. (The work actually came in almost \$200 under budget).

During the Harbor Commission meeting 4/19/2016, you stated (on public video to be posted on the city web site) that you refuse to pay my expenses as I was not entitled to make the claim as a non-city employee. There being no mechanism to operate the boat unless the Harbor Master (or someone else) pays out of their own pocket, it is difficult to see how the boat can operate.

Use of the boat is essential to the safe running of the harbor. With the recent reduction in staffing of the Police harbor unit, we are able to supplement 'uniformed' presence on the water and help deter errant behaviour. In addition, with your recent cutting of the Harbor Commission funding from the city budget, you make great play on 'self-financing' through mooring fees. Without the boat, there is no means of enforcing mooring permits and the associated fees. This cannot be effectively done by any other city assets as I alone, as State Harbor Master have the authority to issue and administer mooring permits.

I have always acted in good faith and have been acutely aware of the need for transparency in my accounting to the city. I am not implying that your blunt refusal to pay expenses, pre-approved by the Harbor Commission for essential maintenance of the city Harbor Commission boat is putative. That is for others to discuss and decide. However, I believe that your refusal to pay the reasonably incurred, preapproved expenses is contrary to CT State 15-2 which requires reimbursement of expenses reasonably incurred in the course of performing my duties.

As a direct result of your actions and unwillingness to work with myself and/or the Harbor Commission regarding my expenses, with immediate effect;

1. I am no longer willing to pay the operational and maintenance costs of the Harbor Commission boat from my personal account.
2. The boat presently is fueled to approximately 80%. Under normal conditions, this should last approximately 4-5 weeks.
3. This will leave the harbor with reduced safety cover at the start of the 2016 boating season when it is most needed.
4. Harbor Commission income from permitted (and presently unpermitted) moorings will be adversely effected and will reduce income.
5. I will be taking independent legal advice regarding your possible contravention of CT State 15-2.

While I understand that the relationship between a State appointed Harbor Master and the city government concerned may be out of the ordinary, it is with regret that I note your unwillingness to try and solve the problem but would rather escalate the situation for some unfathomable reason.

All I ask is a process enabling the Harbor Commission boat to be effectively run for the benefit of (in your opinion) the very few people that use our harbor.

Respectfully

*Captain Eric Knott MSc.*

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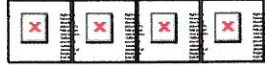
**Captain Eric Knott**

| Date       | Detail  | Boat Maintenance | Boat Running Costs  | Other   | Totals                 |
|------------|---|------------------|---|---------|------------------------|
| 12/28/2015 | Vistaprint - replacement hats marked "State Harbor Master" / State Deputy Harbor Master" in compliance with Harbor Management Plan (excl. tax). |                  |   | \$75.99 | \$75.99                |
| 2/26/2016  | Tracphone (203 219 2334) top-up minutes dedicated Harbor Master cellphone for public use  |                  |   | \$32.91 | \$32.91                |
| 26-Feb     | John Herman Marine Center service call to Harbor Commission boat in Czescik marina  | \$240.00         |   |         | \$240.00               |
|            |   |                  |   |         |                        |
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|            |   |                  |   |         |                        |
|            |   |                  |   |         | <u><b>\$348.90</b></u> |
|            |   |                  | Signed  |         |                        |
|            | <b>Captain Eric Knott</b><br>State Harbor Master, Stamford.<br>65 Ogden Road,<br>Stamford CT. 06905   |                  |  |         |                        |
|            |   |                  | Dated<br><b>2/29/2016</b>   |         |                        |



Hat Color Navy - FREE  
Item #: AHB-001

Hat 1 \$15.00  
Item #: 057-001  
Share



Hat Color - Light Khaki - FREE  
Item #: 591-001

Options

Website Coupon - FREE  
Item #: 950-001

Merchandise: \$66.00

Coupons: \$0.00

Shipping Charges: \$9.99

Tax: \$4.80

**Total: \$80.79**

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claimed  
15*

[For more information regarding taxable and non-taxable items in your order, click here.](#)

**Shipping To:**

Eric Knott  
Harbor Master  
65 Ogden Road  
Stamford CT 06905  
US

**Billed To:**

Eric Knott  
Harbor Master  
65 Ogden Road  
Stamford CT 06905  
US

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Eric Knott

From: Vistaprint <vistaprint@tm.vistaprint.com>  
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 12:48 PM  
To: Eric Knott  
Subject: Your Vistaprint Order Is Confirmed

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To check the status of your order at any time, [click here](#).

Here are your order details:

Order Date: 12/28/2015

Delivery Option (\*): Economy

(\*): If your order contains bags, they will ship separately and will arrive within 7-16 business days.

You can expect to receive your order in 8 Business Days.

| Preview: | Description: | Qty: | Price: |
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Hat  
Item #: 057-001  
Share



Hat Color - Light Khaki  
Item #: 591-001



Embroidered Hat  
Item #: AGC-001  
Share



Hat Color Navy  
Item #: AHB-001



Embroidered Hat  
Item #: AGC-001  
Share



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- Please KEEP YOUR PHONE ON at all times. It will automatically update shortly.
- Remember to add Minutes to your phone BEFORE your Service End Date to avoid loss of service!

**Order Summary**

|                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Phone Number</b>         | (203) 219-2334 |
| <b>New Service End Date</b> | 11/10/2016     |
| <b>Minutes</b>              | 240            |
| <b>Service Days</b>         | 90             |

**Total Charges Summary**

Your credit card statement will reflect this purchase as TRACFONE \*Airtime.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>Transaction ID</b>                        | <b>1164417286</b> |
| <b>Purchase Amount</b>                       | <b>\$29.99</b>    |
| <b>Discount</b>                              | <b>\$0.00</b>     |
| <b>Tax<sup>1</sup></b>                       | <b>\$1.90</b>     |
| <b>Prepaid Wireless E911 Fee<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>\$0.51</b>     |
| <b>Federal Universal Service<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>\$0.45</b>     |
| <b>Regulatory Cost Recovery<sup>4</sup></b>  | <b>\$0.06</b>     |
| <b>Purchase Amount</b>                       | <b>\$32.91</b>    |

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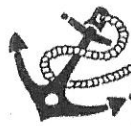
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|---|---------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|-------------|----------|-------|
|   |                                 | ✓        |        |          |             |          |       |
| QUAN.   | DESCRIPTION                     |          |        |          | PRICE       | AMOUNT   |       |
|   | SERVICE CALL TO MARINA DOCK     |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | ENGINE WILL NOT START PROPERLY. |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | TEST RUN. DISCONNECT CONTROL    |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | CABLES, ADJUST + RETEST         |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | UNTIL PROPERLY ADJUSTED,        |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | LUBE LINKAGES.                  |          |        |          |             | 240      | -     |
|   | PAID VISA CHARGE                |          |        |          |             |          |       |
|   | 2-27-16                         |          |        |          |             |          |       |
| ALL claims and returned goods MUST be accompanied by this bill. |                                 |          |        |          |             | TAX      |       |
| No RECEIVED BY  |                                 |          |        |          |             | TOTAL    | 240 - |





# PALMER POINT MARINA

7 River Rd #311  
 Cos Cob, CT 06807  
 203 661-1243

inv # 1

3/26/2016

Eric Knott  
 Stamford Harbort Master Boat

| QTY. | PART NO. & DESCRIPTION | LIST | PRICE   | AMOUNT   |
|------|------------------------|------|---------|----------|
| 1    | qt on/off              |      | \$16.99 | \$18.99  |
| 3    | tubes 90 wt gear oil   |      | \$50.97 | \$152.91 |

| DESCRIPTION OF WORK                 | AMOUNT                        |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Haul - Wash - Launch                | \$18.50 > \$12.50 pf \$250.00 |
| Paint bottom (owner supplied paint) | \$16 pf > \$12.50 pf \$250.00 |
| Change gear oil                     | \$115.00                      |

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| TOTAL LABOR     | \$615.00 |
| TOTAL PARTS     | \$69.96  |
| OUTSIDE REPAIRS |          |
| service chg     |          |
| SUB-TOTAL       | \$684.96 |
| TAX             | \$4.44   |
| TOTAL           | \$689.40 |

PALMER POINT  
 3/26/2016

Eric Knott  
 Stamford Harbort Master Boat

AntiFashin Paint

03-18-16  
 1\* 90.00  
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Total Parts \$69.96