



**TOWN OF EAST LYME**  
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman  
**Donald F. Landers Jr.**

Treasurer  
**Stephen Dinsmore**

Secretary  
**Barbara Johnston**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 17, 2012, 7:30 P.M.**  
**EAST LYME TOWN HALL 108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NIAN TIC CT 06357**

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Barbara Johnston, Rick Kanter, Marvin Schutt, and Joseph Hitchery (Harbor Master).

Absent: Treasurer Steve Dinsmore, William Mountzoures and Greg Murin.

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landers at 7:35 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 20, 2011

**MOTION (1): Barbara Johnston moved to table approval of the December 20, 2011 Minutes until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Marvin Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.**

3. Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish

Mr. Kanter attended the "Gathering of Shellfish Commission's Meeting" in New Haven. The Guilford Town Sanitarian discussed how upland pollution can affect shellfish. There has been a lot of shellfishing activity in the river due to mild weather. The scallop season has reportedly been very successful, but concern was expressed on taking young, immature scallops. Mr. Kanter reported that discussions with the Wardens indicated WELSCO should be cautious with respect to the size of scallops being harvested since the scallop populations are just beginning to come back in the Niantic River. WELSCO will be meeting on Thursday 1/20 to discuss the scallop season and management options to sustain the scallop resources in the river.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery attended a tour of the Amtrak bridge reconstruction project, received a phone call from the Coast Guard regarding NavAid No. 9 in Smith Cove; no problem was identified with NavAids in Smith Cove, Niantic and suggested to them that it may be the other Smith Cove on the Thames River in Waterford. Mooring permit renewal applications and informational packages were sent out to 234 applicants early in January; since then, 45 renewals have been received (plus another 14 this evening); 2012 mooring stickers will be issued after reviewing the applications. Discussion followed on the expectation for installing winter stakes, cut off dates for winter stake removal, and requirements for numbering (owner identification) winter stakes. It was agreed that the Harbor Master under the direction of the Commission would take all necessary measures to ensure the harbor is safe and all moorings or winter stakes do not pose a hazard to navigation and recreation in the harbor management area.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore was unable to be present, and Mr. Landers gave the Treasurer's Report. Invoices



were received for annual dues for the Connecticut Harbor Management Association (\$200) and an aquaculture book (\$150), which the three shellfish commissions have agreed to share the costs; a check for \$50 was received from WELSCO to cover their 1/3 contribution.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Schutt moved to approve the Treasurer's Report Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.**

D. Ex-officio

Mr. Seery was unable to be present, and there was no report.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan (HMP) – Reports from Commission members. Ms. Johnston agreed to develop a plan and schedule for Commission members to work on updates to various chapters.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

1. Dowling dock proposal at Old Black Point, Niantic.

2. Kruse seawall maintenance and dock proposal at 51 Quarry Dock Road, Niantic.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. This matter was tabled until the February meeting.

C. Discussion of Shellfish MOU. Mr. Landers reported that the three shellfish commissions met with Ledge Light last summer. Comments were made on the MOU. Ledge Light incorporated the comments. Mr. Landers will discuss this further at Thursday's WELSCO meeting.

D. Presentation by Capt. David Robinson (OnLine Mooring). Capt. Robinson did not attend.

7. Comments from other Commission Members

Ms. Johnston mentioned the article in the Day that a Board of Directors was established for the Niantic River Watershed Committee. Mr. Schutt and John Jasper were appointed as directors by Paul Formica and Mr. Landers and Mr. Kanter serve on the Board as representatives of East Lyme Harbor Management and WELSCO, respectively. Ms. Johnston asked how much the four towns are contributing to the Watershed Committee; Mr. Landers replied that presently none of the four towns are contributing. Ms. Johnston congratulated Marvin Schutt who will be honored for his community efforts on February 11 at the Rotary Club's annual fund raiser in Mystic.

8. Adjournment

**MOTION (3): Mr. Kanter moved to adjourn the January 17, 2012 East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Meeting at 9:00 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri  
Recording Secretary