



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 – APRIL 17, 2012, 7:30 P.M.
EAST LYME TOWN HALL 108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE NIAHTIC CT 06357

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Barbara Johnston, Treasurer Steve Dinsmore, Rick Kanter, Marvin Schutt, and Joseph Hitchery (Harbor Master), Marc Berger (Deputy Harbor Master), Kevin Seery (Ex officio) and Jaxon Vibber.

Absent: William Mountzoures and Greg Murin.

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landers at 7:30 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 20, 2012

MOTION (1): Marvin Schutt moved to approve the March 20, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Steve Dinsmore. (5-0) Unanimous

3. Public Delegations

Jaxon Vibber, a marine contractor, stated there have been a number of moorings hauled over the last few years to the transfer station and is wondering if the Town is interested in selling them. Mr. Hitchery stated there is a holding period to give the owners an opportunity to claim them. For those derelict moorings that were hauled by the Town and stored at the transfer station for at least 60 days, it's up to the Town to determine the disposition of said moorings.

Mr. Vibber asked for an opportunity to give a presentation on an alternative to the chain system of mooring installations at the May meeting of this Commission. He asked that this Commission encourage other Harbor Management/Shellfish commissions to attend the next meeting of this Commission to hear his presentation.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish

Mr. Kanter reported the scallop season has closed. Individuals are now clamming.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported 180 permits have been issued this year, 173 renewals, 7 new permittees, 57 outstanding of which 48 need inspections. He met with Chief Pendleton to exchange information; it was a very productive meeting. Mr. Berger stated there are three individuals on the waiting list in the Giants Neck area and four vacancies have been filled.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore reported an invoice was received from Mr. Hitchery for mooring stickers in the amount of \$445.36. A line item transfer of funds may be needed to cover Warden Payroll expenses. Mr. Hitchery submitted mooring fees of \$600 for our account. There is \$2,775 remaining in the maintenance of the harbor. Our unexpended budget YTD is \$3,800.

MOTION (2): Mr. Kanter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous.



D. Ex-officio

Mr. Seery reported the Board of Finance will hold its Public Hearing on Monday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at East Lyme High School auditorium. No increase is expected to homeowners. After the Public Hearing the Board of Finance will set the mill rate. \$100,000 was cut from General Government and \$360,000 was cut from the Board of Education.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Commission members. Mr. Dinsmore presented the Chairman with a CD on the Harbor Management Plan and supporting documents. Mr. Kanter, Mr. Schutt and Mr. Hitchery gave copies of their suggested revisions.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. Mr. Schutt suggested a sign “Welcome to the Niantic River. Please help prevent an accident and damage to docks and boats by controlling your speed and wake.” Mr. Landers felt this language was benign and did not feel regulatory agencies would object to it. Further discussion followed on processes to improve responsible boating on the Niantic River including the use of the old Waterford police boat. Mr. Landers and Mr. Hitchery met with Chief Pendleton last week about the old police boat. He is very supportive of each Town using the boat, because the boat will provide additional safety outreach in the Niantic River. The provisional agreement is that the two towns will split the cost of fuel and oil. Mr. Dinsmore indicated that we needed to be sensitive to the cost of fuel and oil as it relates to our budget. Mr. Landers plans to have a conversation with Town representatives to reinforce the importance of maintaining the Harbor Management account to fund these types of activities. Other grants and opportunities for funding were also discussed.

C. Discussion of Shellfish MOU. Mr. Landers has received no further updates on the Shellfish MOU.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

COP application to perform dock maintenance at Thompson property, Old Black Point, Niantic.

B. Comments on Kruse seawall and dock proposal Quarry Dock Road, Niantic. The Commission has determined that the work as described in Part I of the DEEP form and attachments is consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

7. Comments from other Commission Members

Mr. Landers and Mr. Hitchery met with Chief Pendleton to discuss how we might establish procedures dealing with abandoned and derelict vessels. A draft proposal will be reviewed. Mr. Kanter felt the process has been streamlined. The Coast Guard and DEEP will be notified.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (3): Mr. Dinsmore moved to adjourn the April 17, 2012 East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Meeting at 9:00 P.M. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi
Recording Secretary