



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

Chairman  
**Donald F. Landers Jr.**

Treasurer  
**Stephen Dinsmore**

Secretary  
**Barbara Johnston**

HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MAY 15, 2012 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Don Landers, Chairman; Secretary Barbara Johnston ; Marvin Schutt and Bill Mountzoures

Also Present: Joe Hitchery, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master and Mike Theiler

Members Absent: Greg Murin; Treasurer Steve Dinsmore and Rick Kanter

**1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Landers called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2012.** Chairman Landers asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the April 17, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. The following correction was noted: On page 2, under item 7, the last sentence should be deleted.

**MOTION (1): Mr. Schutt moved to approve the April 17, 2012 Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Mr. Mountzoures abstained. (3-0-1) Motion carried.**

**3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** Mr. Theiler reported he pulled six moorings in September. A Public Works employee informed him he could not place them on Grand Street. He placed them on his own property. Two of them have been picked up by the owners. One has a name on the buoy. Three or four are in no shape to go back into the water.

Mr. Hitchery and Mr. Berger reviewed last month's discussion with respect to abandoned/delinquent moorings, reiterating that the moorings in question needed to be stored for at least thirty days to allow the owner a chance to claim their mooring. These particular moorings have been in Mr. Theiler's possession for almost one year. Mr. Theiler is not seeking compensation for storage, he just wants to get rid of them. He will hold on to the ones that are in good condition and dispose of the ones that are not.

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Shellfish.** Mr. Landers reported he received notification that the river has been closed to shellfishing. Ledge Light wrote a memo asking for names of individuals who wish to be contacted when the river is closed. Mr. Landers, Mr. Theiler, and Ms. Johnston's names are on the list. No one else asked that their name be included.

**B. Harbor Master.** Mr. Hitchery stated 94% of the mooring permits have been renewed. Forty-three require inspections, seven did not meet the deadline, and five will be sent a final notice. Mr. Berger reported in Giants Neck four individuals are on the waiting list for this year. Representatives from Pine Grove are in negotiations with the CTDEEP regarding



unauthorized docks. Mr. Hitchery will work with this group to include evaluations of the mooring poles (trolley lines) located in the area in conjunction with CTDEEPs dock review.

**C. Treasurer.** Mr. Landers reported we have received a bill from the Recording Secretary for 3 ½ hours. The Harbor Master submitted receipt of \$125 from mooring permit income. A bill was received from WELSCO for Warden patrol hours for January (\$162), February (\$218.75) and March (\$218). Mr. Hitchery referred to state statutes that the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission should have a Harbor Management Account for depositing funds generated by permit fees, leases, etc. Mr. Landers agreed to set up a meeting with First Selectman Paul Formica and Finance Director Anna Johnson to discuss the Harbor Management Account.

**MOTION (2): Mr. Mountzoures to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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—Reports from Commission Members.** Commission members were asked to give their comments on updating the Harbor Management Plan to Barbara Johnston.

**B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits.** Mr. Schutt has spoken to Sign Craft. Sign Craft is willing to work with us on having signs made. Mr. Landers has left a message with CTDEEP boating division and contacted AMTRAK. AMTRAK has no problem with putting a sign on the bridge. We need to determine the size, color and what message we want to communicate to the boating community that is acceptable to DEEP and the Coast Guard.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

**MOTION (3): Mr. Schutt moved that the Caroline Kruse seawall and dock proposal on Quarry Dock Road, Niantic is consistent with the Shellfish Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (4-0) Unanimous.**

**A. Correspondence.** The following correspondence was received:

1. COP for Bruce K. Ashley of 81 Quarry Dock Road to replace existing pilings and to repair an existing dock and seawall.
2. COP for Richard Braddock of 251 Old Black Point Road for routine maintenance of the pier and seawall.
3. Letter dated May 8, 2012 from M. Grzwynski of the Department of Energy and Environment Protection approving Permit No. 201107706-MG for Angelo Fazzino of 8 Hill Road, East Lyme.



**7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS.** Mr. Schutt and Ms. Johnston reported on their AMTRAK bridge and Boardwalk tour. Mr. Schutt felt it was a marvelous example of what can be done. Ms. Johnston spoke to Fire Marshal Dick Morris that she does not feel 87,000 cubic yards of sand should have been placed there for the beach. She felt that sand could move and settle in the river or channel. The steel fishing pier should have been to the Southwest. Mr. Landers stated the original plans called for removing the temporary pier and installing a permanent stone jetty. Mr. Hitchery referred to Cini Park and the kayak launch and asked if it would be possible to consider an additional float for transient boaters to use for a dingy dock. Additional discussion focused on the importance of attracting transient boaters given the new AMTRAK bridge will likely result in more boaters visiting Niantic. The Town clearly needs additional infrastructure in the form of transient docks, moorings, and dingy landings to accommodate the visiting boater community. Mr. Landers agreed to have a discussion on this important topic with First Selectman Paul Formica.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION (4): Mr. Mountzoures moved to adjourn the May 15, 2012 Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Meeting at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (4-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary