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## TOWN OF EAST LYME

### EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman  
**Steven Dinsmore**

Treasurer  
**Donald F. Landers Jr.**

Secretary  
**Joseph Hitchery**

*Not official until approved by the Commission at its next regular meeting*

East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 18, 2014  
East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Steven Dinsmore; Joseph Hitchery; Barbara Johnston; Rick Kanter; Donald Landers

Commissioners Absent: William Mountzoures; Greg Murin

Ex Officios Present: Richard Morris, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

Others Present: None

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**2. Approval of Minutes of February 18, 2014**

**MOTION:** Mr. Landers moved to approve the February 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (5-0) Unanimous

**3. Public Delegation - None**

**4. Reports**

**A. Shellfish**

Mr. Kanter reported the river is open for clamming. WELSCO will hold a Special Meeting on March 27 at East Lyme Middle School.

**B. Harbor Master**

Mr. Morris reported he and Mr. Formica attended a Mago Point Beach Association meeting on February 26, 2014, at the Boat Valet Marina. They were encouraged by positive feedback regarding development, including the Cini Park area.

**C. Treasurer**

Mr. Landers reported as of the end of February \$5,143 has been spent of the \$14,650 allocated budget. \$3,850 in mooring permit fees was received from July 1 to February 28. We received a bill for 3 hours of clerical support. He has asked Anna Johnson to print out a monthly statement for income and expenses.

**MOTION:** Ms. Johnston moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. Mr. Landers abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.



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### D. Ex Officio

Selectman Seery was out of Town, and there was no report.

### E. Rain Gauge Subcommittee

The subcommittee met and discussed two options for the rain gauge: 1) continue the present arrangement at the State highway garage, which is expensive; 2) use the 911 tower which could be enhanced to required standards for an approximate cost of \$400. Mr. Morris commented the tower rain gauge is not much different from the State gauge. Mr. Dinsmore felt Waterford and WELSCO should be included in the discussion, since they are part of the message stream. He agreed to contact Ledge Light to determine who receives messages. Ms. Johnston stated there is no reason that WELSCO, with over \$62,000 in funds, cannot pay one-third of the cost for the rain gauge that it also uses. Mr. Kanter stated he cannot speak for all members of WELSCO, but it is possible they would be willing to share in the cost of the rain gauge. Mr. Hitchery asked who established each of these commissions? If all three are benefiting from the rain gauge, why are they not contributing equally to its cost? Mr. Kanter responded the Waterford Commission is responsible for Waterford town coastal waters and the East Lyme Commission is responsible for its town coastal waters. WELSCO is responsible for the Niantic River waters by State statute. WELSCO is a State commission and as such is not eligible for town funding, nor does it receive any State funding. He said WELSCO's finances were built up over the years from money received from shellfish permit fees and the reserve is needed to pay boat expenses, wardens, legal fees, and audit costs. He said when the last WELSCO boat sunk he personally drove to Virginia to pick up the replacement boat and trailered it back to Connecticut in order to save money. The Subcommittee was thanked for its hard work.

## 5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Hitchery received a first draft of the proposed revisions to the goals and objectives section, dated February 18. After a telephone review of it with Mr. Steadman, he expected to receive a further draft for distribution to the Commission at this meeting. However, he has not received anything to date. Chairman Dinsmore agreed to contact Mr. Steadman in order to establish a definitive schedule.

## 6. New Business - No new business or correspondence

## 7. Final Comments - None

## 8. Adjournment

**MOTION:** Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission March 18, 2014 Meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (5-0)  
Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary