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TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Steven Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph L. Hitchery

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

May 27, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Steven Dinsmore; Joseph Hitchery; Barbara Johnston; Donald Landers; and Greg Murin

Absent Commissioners: William Mountzoures and Rick Kanter

Ex Officiis Present: Richard Morris, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; and Kevin Seery, Selectman

Others Present: Jaxson Vibber and Michael Theiler (Approved Mooring Installers)

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2014**

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to approve the April 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Greg Murin abstained from voting. Motion carried. (4-0-1)

3. **Public Delegation** – Mr. Theiler suggested that the forms at the Town Hall be updated.

4. **Reports**

A. Shellfish. Mr. Dinsmore reported to date there has been no resolution on sampling being transported to Milford.

Mr. Theiler suggested that various towns coordinate on it. Mr. Dinsmore replied each town may have different weather and different collections.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Morris reported he is working on mooring renewals. To date \$8,400 has gone into the General Fund.

We have received a federal grant solicited by Waterford for 22 radios at a cost of \$8,000 each.

East Lyme and Waterford town planners and Selectmen are working on a DEEP grant of \$340,000 for each community with matching funds for the dredge program at Marker 7 east along Cini Park. It is roughly 4 to 5 acres.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported the Harbor Management/Shellfish budget has been approved. Mr. Landers received Invoice 39, dated May 11, 2014 from Jeanette T. Fisheries in the amount of \$200. Our share to support operation of the rain gauge used for monitoring shellfish closures, which was misreported at the April meeting as \$1,625 was clarified after working with WELSCO bookkeeper. The East Lyme Commission's share for 2014 is \$1,750, which is one-half of the \$3,500 invoiced by USGS; the Waterford Shellfish

Commission is paying the other half. The invoiced amount for 2014 is consistent with last year.

Mr. Landers asked the Commission for approval to authorize him to work with the Finance Director to encumber \$3,500 from our 2013-14 budget to support a 2014-15 re-establishment of the USGS Stream Gauge at Latimer Brook (the major tributary to the Niantic River). Discussion followed on encumbering other remaining funds in our 2013-14 budget for ongoing Harbor Commission initiatives (e.g. implementation of transient docks, safety signage at Amtrak RR bridge, Shellfish Demarcation Signs, etc.) Mr. Landers will provide an update on remaining 2013-14 funds at our next meeting for the Commission to act on before the fiscal year closes.

MOTION: Mr. Murin moved to authorize payment of \$1,750 for this Commission's 50% share of the rain gauge. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. Ms. Johnston abstained. Motion carried. (4-0-1) Ms. Johnston felt we should only pay one-third.

MOTION: Mr. Murin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. Ms. Johnston abstained. Motion carried. (4-0-1) Mr. Landers asked this Commission for approval to authorize him to work with the Finance Director on carrying over remaining funds in our 2013 budget to cover initiatives.

MOTION: Mr. Murin moved to encumber \$3,500 to establish a stream gauge at Latimer Brook with remaining funds from this Commission's 2013/14 budget. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. In opposition: Ms. Johnston. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Seery reported the budget passed by 5.8% of eligible voters on a \$62 million budget. Mr. Formica signed the contract with the company to restore the Boardwalk. AMTRAK will spend \$410,000 on it. Money is in the Capital Plan for the Harbor Management/Shellfish Plan. Veterans Day went very well. There was heavy rains for several days in the solar fields and a remediation plan is needed. Inland Wetlands has ordered a cease and desist. Discussion will be held on June 9. Private properties have been affected by the silt. It could also impact the Niantic River. It is being monitored and discussed. Mr. Seery will discuss this matter further next month.

E. Rain Gauge Subcommittee. Mr. Morris reported we did a comparison with the rain gauge. It will need to be calibrated.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. Commission members were asked to review the draft section and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting. Mr. Landers suggested a Special Meeting to review only the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Dinsmore will contact Mr. Steadman.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence.

1. May 23, 2014 Crescent Beach Association and McCook Point Shore Front Restoration.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to find the Crescent Beach Association

and McCook Point Shore Front Restoration consistent with Shellfish Management Plan. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (5-0) Unanimous.

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to approve the Crescent Beach Association and McCook Point Shore Front Restoration consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Landers. (5-0) Unanimous.

2. The Chairman received an email notifying him of a Connecticut Harbor/Management Association Meeting on May 28. The Coastal Management Act will be reviewed. Mr. Hitchery agreed to attend.

7. Comments from Commission Members. There were none.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the May 27, 2014 Special Meeting of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. (5-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary