



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph L. Hitchery

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

June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dinsmore; Barbara Johnston; Donald Landers; William Mountzoures and Greg Murin

Absent Commissioner: Joseph Hitchery and Rick Kanter

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

Others Present: Jaxson Vibber (Approved Mooring Installer)

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. **Call to Order.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. **Approval of Minutes of May 27, 2014**

The following correction was noted: On 4. B. the second sentence to be revised as follows: "To date \$6,950 has gone into the General Fund."

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to approve the May 27, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Landers. Bill Mountzoures abstained from voting. Motion carried. (4-0-1)

3. **Public Delegation** – Mr. Vibber distributed information on pyramid mooring anchors, which states that the Dor-Mor pyramid mooring anchor rapidly penetrates the bottom due to the high point loading of its compact size and shape and that the pyramid shape has a high suction effect which increases the deeper it sets. He was instructed to remove two pyramid moorings in the Niantic Bay. He referred to the Foundation Findings which states that a 650 pound Dor-Mor mooring anchor type has a resisting force of 4,500 at breakout. He felt all his mooring anchors exceed East Lyme's regulations and the Harbor Management Plan. He asked that the ruling regarding the removal of the pyramid moorings be revisited.

4. **Reports**

A. Shellfish. Mr. Landers reported last week Area A in the river was closed, as well as Area A in Waterford due to high bacterial counts during the regular monthly sampling that is sent to Milford.

B. Harbor Master. Messrs. Morris, Hitchery, and Riozzi went on the Harbor Master's boat to remove a mooring hazard. A mooring at Pine Grove that needed inspection was removed. Mr. Vibber hauled a winter stake and attached chain with mushroom anchor at the request of the Harbor Master. He also removed E-321 mooring. Mr. Morris asked that this Commission fund the purchase of six inflatable life jackets at a cost of \$650. Mr. Landers suggested that Mr. Morris discuss this purchase with Chief Pendleton to determine what safety equipment is needed and ask

equipment is needed and ask that Waterford share in its cost. Mr. Morris and Mr. Hitchery had discussion with Mr. Riozzi on his proposal.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported invoice dated June 13, 2014 was received from Geoffrey B. Steadman for his work on the Harbor Management Plan from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$4,845.

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to approve the invoice from Geoffrey B. Steadman in the amount of \$4,845 for his services from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to be taken out of this Commission Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0).

Mr. Landers informed the Commission \$2,655 remains in our Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget.

MOTION: Mr. Murin moved to encumber the remaining \$2,655 in the Capital Expenditures Account to be used for the Latimer Brook Stream Gauge in Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

Ms. Johnston asked that \$1,000 be set aside for the Harbor Master's life preservers. Mr. Murin stated Chief Pendleton makes the decision on purchases and we pay one-half of its cost.

MOTION: Mr. Murin moved to encumber \$6,900 for the Latimer Brook Stream Gauge in Fiscal Year 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. In Favor: Dinsmore, Landers, Mountzoures and Murin. In Opposition: Ms. Johnston. (4-1)

Ms. Johnston felt the Niantic River Watershed was not clearly explained and she was unable to obtain its minutes. Mr. Landers stated there are meetings, minutes and a Board of Directors and invited Ms. Johnston to attend.

Mr. Landers reported funds are needed to reestablish the Latimer Brook Stream Gauge to monitor bacteria in the Niantic River.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to encumber the use of funds in the amount of \$8500 to reestablish the Latimer Brook Stream Gauge for nutrient and pollution discharges and emergency management responses. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Mr. Murin abstained from voting. In Favor: Dinsmore, Landers and Mountzoures. In Opposition: Ms. Johnston. Abstention: Mr. Murin (3-1-1)
Motion carried.

Ms. Johnston was opposed until she is assured the three other towns will also fund it. Ms. Johnston asked what does the Niantic Watershed do and where are its minutes kept. Mr. Landers informed her it meets on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at East Lyme Town Hall. It has three years of monitoring data on Latimer Brook which proved important. It has data on the problems at the solar farm. Mr. Murin asked if we don't continue with data will we lose continuity of the data? Mr. Landers replied we have already lost some data. Mr. Murin felt we are spending a lot of money on this and he felt other towns should also contribute.

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

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

E. Rain Gauge Subcommittee. Mr. Morris reported we know we can put out emails in mass for alerts. We had a calibration issue during the last storm. It will cost \$550 to buy a module to fit on the machine. It is able to send 22 texts.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. Commission members were asked to review the draft sections received and Mr. Dinsmore will schedule of Special Meeting in July to discuss the draft.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence.

1. A Certificate of Permission from Docko for Angela Thompson's property at 257 Old Blackpoint Road, Niantic.

7. **Comments from Commission Members.** Ms. Johnston asked how far along are the transient moorings. Mr. Morris replied Keith Nielson and Gary Goeschel met. The design of the docks is forthcoming. There will be 25 transient moorings. The grant will be submitted by August 15. Ms. Johnston asked to see the plans when available.

Mr. Landers was asked what was his objection to pyramid moorings? He stated he had no problem with them in the river, but in the bay the bottom is like asphalt and he felt you could not dig in it. Ms. Johnston asked where are they? Mr. Vibber replied in the Niantic Bay Yacht Club area. In his experience he does scuba diving and the pyramid anchors are all buried 100% and the one inch chain exceeds the minimum requirements for mushroom anchors. He felt the Harbor Management Plan does not say not to use them.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Mountzoures moved to adjourn the June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Landers. Motion carried. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary