



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

November 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dinsmore; Joseph Hitchery; Donald Landers; Rick Kanter; and Greg Murin

Commissioners Absent: Barbara Johnston; William Mountzoures;

Ex Officios Present: Harbor Master Dick Morris; Marc Salerno

Ex Officios Absent: Assistant Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger

Others Present: Timothy Londregan III

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order. Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2015.

MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to approve the October 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Commissioner Kanter seconded the motion. The motion carried. (4-0-0).

3. Public Delegations

Timothy Londregan attended the meeting in hopes of paying for the Lease. He thought it was four, but apparently previously it had been five, so he was seeking clarification on that issue, and write a check for the Lease. Chairman Dinsmore indicated that the Lease is done in five-year increments. Commissioner Landers concurred. Chairman Dinsmore went on to say that it's \$5/acre, paid annually.

Mr. Londregan went on to say that he was pretty much ready to go. He was talking to the people down at the Bureau about starting in April. There's one application that they've been trying to get from the DEEP, which is not an issue, but just taking time. He stated he's toying with ideas of a nursery area, around Watts Island, yet no testing has been done to see if it's viable, or somewhere in the River, in prohibited areas, or over to Waterford on the west side of Jordan Cove. He just wanted to put the Commission on notice to his thought process.

Mr. Londregan was curious regarding the inclusion zone in front of the Military Base in the River. Is it still going through as initially planned? And if so, are they still planning on opening it up on whatever basis for shellfishing? Chairman Dinsmore responded that he believed it is moving forward, although it is supposed to be open for recreational shellfishing, which is handled by Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission. Commissioner Kanter added that WELSCO is meeting on Thursday. As far he knows, they only want to preclude vessels from mooring

overnight in front of the camp.

Commissioner Landers inquired regarding plans with the upweller in the area of Watts Island. Mr. Londregan said it would be more ideal for surface gear for juveniles above 3/4". More discussion was had regarding the upweller and its details. Commissioner Landers also questioned regarding first steps that Mr. Londregan planned on taking in April. Mr. Londregan responded that they would have to first deploy the marking buoys, one every 300 feet, in a square.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish. Commissioner Kanter declared the river is open. Scallop season is going to open December 1st throughout the entire River. Commissioner Landers did note that there are still some areas with opening up Area B because of the number of boats at the Marinas for clams. Mr. Salerno queried if scalloping was going to be monitored this year to see the outcome. Commissioner Kanter answered by saying in the past there were surveys done, although in the most recent history it has not been done. He said that there's not evidence of a gigantic population this year, so he would not expect it to be a banner season. He would expect people who know what they're doing to get their quota, although greenhorns may not do as well.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Morris distributed a map that extends over to the Hole in the Wall, which displayed the plotted moorings between Wigwam Rock and the breakwater at the Yacht Club. It shows that it is a fairly congested area. He indicated his hopes are that, as we progress back during the summer with the Excel sheet that Joe started, all the data will be inputted into the marks, cross-referenced with the boat name and photograph of the boat on the mooring, which will show a real-time diagram of the moorings' location, through the GIS. Data input will probably be the longest. Further discussion regarding the map was had.

Chairman Dinsmore wanted to know if Mr. Morris had taken delivery of the new boat, to which Mr. Morris responded that, yes, they have, and a dozen hours have been put on it. It's being taken to Whalen to put the emergency lights on it this week. It'll be put back in for a while to check some other stuff. The Commissioners continued to inquire regarding the new boat.

C. Treasurer - Budget. Commissioner Landers stated that the state of the treasury is we have an additional \$320 tonight, thanks to Tim Londregan. That will be offset by some significant Warden Patrols by WELSCO, \$31.25 (October), 1.25 hours.

Commissioner Landers indicated that a budget needs to be prepared. He distributed a spreadsheet of expenses in 2015, so that the Commission can work on the budget, and would like to be able to hold a discussion in December. He went on to say that recognizing that we may have some additional expenses related to the operation of the new patrol boat, we may want to consider bumping the Maintenance of Harbor line item to accommodate that. Commissioner Landers requested of Mr. Morris to put together a projection on the spending for the new boat, with the caveat that it's a 50% split with WELSCO. Preliminary discussions took place regarding the budget.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Salerno stated that at the last Board of Selectman meeting, the Board of Selectman signed the 10-year Lease with the Dominion Building, which is where the Police

Station is. They got that for \$1/year.

A micro cell tower was put up. On December 15th, there's a public hearing on the cell tower on Boston Post Road. The ladder truck is here today. Tomorrow is a public forum from the Elementary School Steering Committee, from 6:00 to 7:00.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan - Update. Chairman Dinsmore stated that he spoke with Geoff Steadman a couple weeks ago about the process of moving the Harbor Management Plan forward. Rather than going to the Board of Selectman initially, Mr. Steadman said we needed to have it approved by the State and then by the Board of Selectman, so that he could present a State-approved Plan to the Board of Selectman. Chairman Dinsmore assured the Commissioners that nothing has changed since the last time the Commission had looked at it.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence. Commissioner Landers indicated that he received a copy of what was noticed in the New London Day on the Permit Application regarding the drain pipe down at Atlantic Avenue.

7. Final Comments.

None.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Hitchery moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Murin. The motion carried. (4-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary

