



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph Hitchery

HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 15, 2016, MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Joe Hitchery, Don Landers, Greg Murin
Absent: Barbara Johnston, Rick Kanter, Bill Mountzoures

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Ex Officios Present: Selectman Marc Salerno, Harbor Master Dick Morris
Absent: Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger

NOV 18 2016 AT 9:35 AM/PM
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

CALL TO ORDER. Steve Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF October 18, 2016.

Motion: Landers moved acceptance of minutes. Seconded. Passed.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Guy Rocamora asked to be put on the agenda to propose a 15-foot extension of his existing dock at #6 Elizabeth Street in Saunders Point. This is a new application, not a COP. Dinsmore told Rocamora that he would need to go to WELSCO to get it signed off and noted for the record that Rocamora would be added to the agenda for the next meeting on December 20, 2016.

REPORTS.

Shellfish: Landers reported that scallop season would open on December 15th.

Harbor Master: Mooring status as of November 15, 2016:

- Morris contacted the company that we used previously to order stickers for the moorings and got a quote for 700 stickers (black/white) for 2017. Morris would like to set up an account with Finance so that he can order stickers directly each year. Dinsmore approved and signed off on the form presented.
- There was a question as to the need for so many stickers as we do not have 700 moorings. Former Harbor Master Hitchery explained that when the system was set up the Commission assigned number groups to differentiate mooring areas, i.e., the upper Niantic River, #100-199; Sandy Point to Smith Cove channel, #200-299; lower Niantic River, #300-399; Niantic Bay, #400-499; Giants Neck area, #500-599; and Smith Cove, #600-699. This system also assures renewing mooring owners receive the same number year-to-year.
- Morris reported the Harbor Master boat is stored in the old town garage for the winter.
- DEEP has had difficulty tracing boat registrations through the COLLECT system so there is a need to address the issue of identifying owners of boats on unregistered moorings.
- Morris stated he was informed by the State that he could stay in the Harbor Master position until someone either challenges his appointment or the Commission asks for a change. He should receive his reappointment letter in the next day or so.



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Treasurer: Invoice to pay for mooring stickers for \$206.00. Two invoices were received from WELSCO in the amount of \$81.25 (September) and \$87.50 (October).

Ex-Officio: Selectman Salerno reported on items approved at last Board meeting.

OLD BUSINESS.

Harbor Management Plan: Dinsmore spoke with Geoff Steadman about Harbor Management Plan, and Steadman said he received more changes today from Marci Balint of DEEP. Steadman will sit down with DEEP this Thursday, November 18th and go through the final comments and get it submitted and it should be approved within the next thirty days. Murin asked about the Living Shoreline provision. Dinsmore said we are quoting the statute verbatim in the revised Plan.

NEW BUSINESS.

Correspondence: Landers received a COP for dredging the boat basin at Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Dinsmore reported Geoff Steadman mentioned that on January 1st the new Connecticut Port Authority is making \$5 million available in grants to towns for harbor improvements. An example for what we could apply for is the proposed dinghy dock off Grand Street or Cini Park. Salerno will bring it up at the Selectman meeting. Dinsmore asked Salerno to contact him before the meeting to see if there are any new updates on the grant.

FINAL COMMENTS:

Dinsmore advised that we should put together a budget for next year at the December meeting. If anyone has anything they want to be included please let him know before the meeting. There was an article in The Day paper reporting the EPA had approved the Long Island Sound dredging disposal site in the Thames River shoals (Fisher's Island) site. The entire area is in Connecticut waters.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Murin moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Seconded. Passed.

Submitted by
Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary