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TOWN OF EAST LYME

EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Joseph Hitchery

**September 20, 2016, MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Joe Hitchery, Barbara Johnston, Rick Kanter, Greg Murin

Absent: Don Landers, Bill Mountzoures

Ex Officos Present: Selectman Marc Salerno, Harbor Master Dick Morris

Absent: Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger

**CALL TO ORDER.** Steve Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 19, 2016.**

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

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** None

**REPORTS.**

**Shellfish:** Dinsmore reported that the River was closed today because of flooding from the rain. Kanter reported that scallop season is Dec 1 – Jan 31.

**Harbor Master:** Mooring status as of September 20, 2016:

- 18 mooring renewals did not submit inspection (but renewed and paid the fee).
- 261 mooring renewals are complete.
- 2 moorings on hold until next year (Cotoia & Patterson)
- 2 did not submit forms/fees but responded that they would (Thompson & Decyk)
- Total moorings are 283

It was brought up at the WELSCO meeting that Harbor Master Morris had granted mooring access in Waterford waters to Tim Londregan. Morris says that is not the case; he only gave him access to Niantic waters and Londregan has not used the mooring to date.

Dredging Smith Cove Channel – Morris spoke with Keith Neilson of Docko, Inc. about getting the channel dredged since it hasn't been dredged in many years. He also spoke with Mark Nickerson and State Commission to see if fees and testing requirements could also be waived.

**Treasurer:** Invoices were paid in the amount of \$471.00 to rebuild the Harbor Master boat motor and to Save the Hills. Two invoices received from WELSCO in the amount of \$56 (August) and \$68 (September).

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



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**OLD BUSINESS.**

**Harbor Management Plan:** Geoff Steadman is making copies of the Harbor Management Plan to send to DEEP, Town Attorney, and Joint Planning Commission for final review. Dinsmore spoke with Marcy Balint of DEEP, and she agreed to compromise on the living shoreline wording and will copy wording from the state statute. The plan should be approved within the next month.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

**Correspondence:** Received DEEP permit application from Coastline Consulting (Jeff Westermeyer) to conduct beach nourishment at Giant's Neck. This permit is for 1100 cubic yards of sand to be trucked in and spread and graded to replenish beach that has been lost. Morris mentioned that the sand could be brought in from the local quarry and that it should be tested before being brought to the site. Jeff Westermeyer agreed with Morris.

Dinsmore motioned to agree it is consistent with Harbor Management Plan.

Seconded. Passed.

Dinsmore motioned to agree it is consistent with the Shellfish Management Plan.

Seconded. Passed

**Proposed Long Island Dredge Site.** Dinsmore sent an email to EPA and called Congressman Courtney and State Senator Paul Formica about this proposal. Dinsmore was told that this proposal is getting high-level visibility. The Thames River Shoals (Fisher's Island) site is being fought very bitterly by New York. The major concern for the site off Black Point is that sediment may be transported toward Connecticut high traffic recreation areas. Courtney and Formica held a press conference about a month ago in New London. Not sure anything came of this. Apparently, the two states and EPA have been talking about this for over three years. Dinsmore mentioned that December 23, 2016, is the cutoff date for all comment consideration.

Dinsmore received three COPS that were approved already – just passing the paperwork around for the commission to review. The COPS are listed below.

- Certificate of Permit (COP) for replacement bridge – Route 1 – over Niantic River – Town of East Lyme.
- COP for Joseph Smith – 281 Old Black Point Road, Niantic, CT.
- COP for CT DEEP Crescent Beach Association.

Received invitation to the CT Shellfish Initiative on October 20, 2016, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at the University of CT, Avery Point Campus if anyone is interested in attending.

**FINAL COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

Submitted by  
Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary