



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Stephen Dinsmore

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Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph Hitchery

HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION
AUGUST 15, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

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

Ex Officios Present: None

Absent: Harbor Master Dick Morris, Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger, Selectman Paul Dagle

CALL TO ORDER. Steve Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017.

Montzoures moved to accept minutes of July 18, 2017. Murin seconded. Steve Dinsmore abstained. Motion passed 4-0-1.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.

- A. Dave LaBrie of the Inn at Harbor Hill, Grand Street, Niantic, CT has a few questions and was looking to learn more about the Public Notice of Tim Londregan's Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. Dinsmore responded that he has no comment as he hasn't seen it. Landers said he heard about it yesterday and it is a Type 2 Shellfish Agriculture in the River located in Area B on the Waterford side. This would open after the winter when all of the boats are gone. Landers said our Commission can comment on it in accordance with the Harbor Management side but not on the Shellfish. He thinks it would be good for the river as it will clean out the river.

It was asked if there was a way the Commission could submit a letter on behalf of the Public Notice. Protrusion of equipment may not be aesthetically pleasing. LaBrie asked "What if something negative happens – who takes care of it? Landers said it is a long way from being approved. WELSCO may require a public hearing, not sure. DEEP, Army Corps would be voting in on this also.

It was decided to add this topic to the Agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

REPORTS.

Shellfish: Landers reported that there have been no notices of closure or rainfall. He noted that Londregan does not have additional buoys yet.

Harbor Master: No report as Harbor Master Morris is absent.

Treasurer:

Landers had nothing to report at this time. He did email out last year's budget numbers, money spent and remaining funds to all members after the last meeting.

Ex-Officio: No report as Paul Dagle is absent.

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Karen Gulino, ATC
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OLD BUSINESS.

Harbor Management Plan: Dinsmore spoke with Geoff Stedman and he reported they received late comments from the federal agency that are being incorporated. The plan has been tentatively approved. Marci Blint is out with family issues and when she returns and the plan has been approved Steve will distribute copies to all of the members. Landers asked if he could get a copy of the redline version of the plan to match it up against the final version of the plan to see what changes were made. Dinsmore said he has two copies of the redline version and would give him one to use.

Johnston wants to know why Board of Selectman Dagle reported at the Board of Selection meeting that the Harbor Management Plan was approved by the Harbor Management Commission. This is not true. Dinsmore said he would contact Dagle and ask him to change that in the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS.

Correspondence:

- Dinsmore will forward a copy of the Public Notice of Tim Londregan's Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm to all members in the next few days.
- Murin moved to add discussion of increasing the mooring fees to the agenda. Landers seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
- Johnston mentioned that she has asked to have this added to the agenda because she found out that Waterford Harbor Management Commission (WHMC) is raising their fees. Murin corrected her and said that WHMC is only increasing the application fee of the moorings, not the renewals. He doesn't feel we will make as much money as Johnston thinks because most of the moorings are renewals.
- Murin suggested charging a \$5 Slip Assessment (River Maintenance Fee) for the 300 to 400 boats that are currently in slips now that doesn't pay us. We will definitely make money by doing this if we can do it. Landers said that we can adopt an ordinance and the marinas will enforce it. This is a topic that we will table and discuss at a later time.
- Johnston has asked the Harbor Master in the past to think about limiting the number of moorings we have available to 300. Murin said that he believes we currently are limiting the mooring applications. For instance, Giants Neck has a waiting list, the upper river is closed to new mooring unless the person has waterfront property, and the lower river is not at capacity yet so there are still some available.
- Murin mentioned that he noticed a couple of mooring in the river that shouldn't be there. He thinks he knows who own them. He will speak with Harbor Master about it in the next few weeks as he is unavailable.

FINAL COMMENTS.

- Murin noticed that Waterford has added six new buoys at a cost of \$7,000 and they are on the east side of the Golden Spur. He also noticed there is a new sign at the entrance of Smith Cove that the speed limit is 6 miles an hour within 100 feet of the shoreline.



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ADJOURNMENT.

Murin moved to adjourn. Montzoures seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by

Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary

