



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
JULY 18, 2017, MEETING MINUTES

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

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

CALL TO ORDER. Secretary Hitchery (Dinsmore absent) called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 16, 2017.

Correction to Public Delegation – lines 7 and 9 – should show Dinsmore “suggested” a motion, not “made”.

Under “New Business – Proposed Website Change”, Johnston questions the accuracy of Dinsmore’s comment: “Dinsmore said that the opening/closing is controlled by WELSCO”. Landers explained that the DABA in Milford makes the decision for opening/closing and it is passed down to WELSCO who controls the opening/closing. Since Dinsmore is absent this may be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Motion: Landers moved to accept minutes as corrected. Johnston seconded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. None.

REPORTS.

Shellfish: Landers reported that the river is open with no issues to report.

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

Treasurer:

Our budget was approved at last year’s level (\$10,000). Murin asked how much money was left over from last year’s budget. Johnston showed Murin a spreadsheet from February 1, 2017, which showed we had spent \$5,938 of the \$10,000 budget at that time. Landers said he believes we have spent close to the entire budget but will look into it and will report at the next meeting.

Two invoices were received from WELSCO for May and June in the amounts of \$50.00 and \$68.15 for the warden who does the water sampling.

Ex-Officio: The Board of Selectmen is waiting to hear what happens with the State budget.

OLD BUSINESS.

Harbor Management Plan: Dinsmore reported by email that Marci Blint of DEEP has approved the Harbor Management Plan. Comments to DEEP are due from the Army Corps of Engineers by 07/14/17. If they have no comments, we will have the document next month. Dinsmore will provide an update when available.

FILED

July 20 2017 AT 3:45 AM/PM
Wynn Yallop, AR
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK



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NEW BUSINESS.

Correspondence:

- Received a copy of public notice for relocating an existing boat lift, and a 15ft dock extension for Gaetano Rocamora at 6 Elizabeth St., Saunders Point, Niantic.
- Received a final copy of COP for adding a PWC lift to existing piling for Dan Adams at 239 Old Black Point Road, Niantic.

Status of DA/BA Supplied Rain Gage:

- Johnston wants to know why she has to read WELSCO's minutes to find out what is going on. She would like to be informed by phone or email.
- Dinsmore reported by email that the new rain gage is operational at the Waterford boat launch. It is being used as the gage of record, although we still receive updates from the Emergency Management gage in Flanders.

FINAL COMMENTS.

- Landers reported that before the last meeting he was contacted by people at Golden Spur on Boston Post Road in Waterford, CT. Since the bridge was raised water craft are now able to get under when it is closed and are going at higher speed than they should. It was suggested that we put a 6 mph sign under the bridge because the water is very low there and they could run aground. Landers said he would pass this information on to Harbor Master Morris.
- Johnston asked Murin if he had renewed his commission position as it expired in 2016. Murin responded that when he came back from vacation a few months ago he did renew his commission and has been sworn in.
- Paul Dagle asked if Riverhead Lane is regulated by the Commission. Dagle mentioned that he just moved into a house next to this road and noticed that it doesn't appear to be maintained by the town. He would like to be able to use this road to access the water and wanted to make sure it was okay with the Commission. Landers said that he doesn't see a problem using the access road to get to the water using a trailer. Johnston asked if the road is town approved. Dagle said he spoke with his lawyer who said it was okay to use.
- Johnston said she attended the Waterford Harbor Commission and found they increased their mooring fees to \$75. Landers thought waterfront owners paid less. Johnston would like to add to next month's agenda the discussion of mooring fees.
- Hitchery requested all Commissioners to please give prior notice to the Chairman if they are unable to attend a scheduled meeting. Such notice can prevent unnecessary inconvenience to other attendees if they know before the meeting that a quorum will not be present.

ADJOURNMENT.

Landers moved to adjourn. Montzoures seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by

Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary