

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 **MAY 16, 2017, MEETING MINUTES**

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

Absent: Don Landers, Rick Kanter, Bill Mountzoures

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

Absent: Selectman Paul Dagle

CALL TO ORDER. Steve Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017.

Motion: Murin moved acceptance of minutes. Johnston seconded. Passed 4-0-0.

PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Docko Dowling Dock. Dinsmore gave a brief summary of the 2017 COP brought before the Commission. The proposal is shortening the pier by 4 feet and changing the width to 5 feet and adding lower stairs and walkway. Johnston mentioned that in 2015 on the original COP it was 235 Old Black Point Road. She said going back to the paperwork it appears the Commission did not sign off on it. Dinsmore said it had to have been signed because the town engineer would have caught it if it wasn't.

Dinsmore made a motion to find this COP consistent with the Harbor Management Commission.

Murin moved and Hitchery seconded. Johnston abstained. 3-1-0.

Dinsmore made a motion to find this COP consistent with the Harbor Management Shellfish Plan. Murin moved and Hitchery seconded. Johnston opposed. 3-0-1.

Dinsmore made note that there is no recreational shell fishing allowed in this area.

REPORTS.

Shellfish: No report at this time as Kanter was absent from the meeting.

Harbor Master: Mooring status as of May 16, 2017:

- 284 Mooring renewals were mailed out at the end of January 2017.
- 236 Mooring responses have been received (178 completed; 58 awaiting inspection).
- 50 Moorings await responses.
- 1 Mooring was canceled (E-472 Daniel Kaplan)
- 3 new mooring applications were received.
- Total Moorings are 286

Morris reported 25 people attended a meeting with Congressman Courtney regarding federal funds that may be available for dredging the Niantic River. Formica, Nickerson, and Courtney, and the Town of Waterford all support it. Dinsmore was contacted by someone on the Waterford Harbor Management Commission asking if we are going the dredge the channel. Dinsmore said at this time it is in discussion, but funding may be an issue.

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Treasurer:

One invoice was received from WELSCO in the amounts of \$93.75 for the warden costs who does the water sampling.

Ex-Officio: No report at this time as Dagle was absent from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS.

Harbor Management Plan: Marci Blint of DEEP has forwarded the Harbor Management Plan to other state agencies for their review, requesting all comments/inputs be submitted to her by May 25, 2017. Dinsmore reported that he spoke with Geoff Steadman and was told there had been no external comments received.

NEW BUSINESS.

Correspondence:

- Received a final copy of COP that was received on 4/28/17 for Steve Marenakos, 65 Quarry Dock Road for Dock Modifications.
- Received a final copy of COP that was received 5/3/17 for Michael Beebe for New Tie-Off Dolphins in Niantic Bay.

Status of DA/BA Supplied Rain Gage:

Johnston said the MOU needs to be updated. Dinsmore said DA/BA (regulatory authority) updates the MOU. Johnston asked to request a copy to review. Dinsmore said he would request a copy of the MOU from Rick Kanter who is a member of the WELSCO commission.

Proposed Website change – Ms. Johnston:

• Johnston asked who was responsible for the website and why does the web page say East Lyme Shellfish Commission. Dinsmore said that the opening/closing is controlled by WELSCO. Dinsmore said that the information is on the East Lyme website page because anyone who wants information for East Lyme opening/closing would look there. The phone number is for WELSCO not East Lyme. After a few discussions, it was decided that the information is correct except for the map that has a red overlay that is outdated. Morris said he would call Carmen and ask her to remove it.

ADJOURNMENT.

Murin moved to adjourn. Hitchery seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Submitted by

Mary Jane Gaudio, Recording Secretary