

TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2017
7:30
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

FILED

Nov 28 20 17 AT 10:30 AM/PM

Kenneth J. Dinsmore
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph Hitchery

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

Ex Officio: Selectman Paul Dagle
Harbor Master Dick Morris

1. **Call to Order:** Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes Of Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017**
M/S/C (Mountzoures/Landers) to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017 as amended.
Page 4, Final Comments, bullet 2-change 9/19/17 to 10/19/17
Approved: In favor-Dinsmore, Hitchery, Landers, Johnston, Mountzoures, Kanter.
Opposed-none. Abstaining-Murin

3. **Public Delegations**

Peter Harris, WELSCO Commissioner informed the members the meeting with Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) has been postponed from December 7, 2017 for 60 days. There will be a tri-commission meeting arranged which will include East Lyme Harbor Management, WELSCO, and Waterford Harbor Management. Invited guest will include the First Selectmen from East Lyme and Waterford as well as town planners from each town. The purpose is to come together to find areas in the Niantic River which are suitable for aquaculture. There is no date for the meeting at this point. The meeting will have to be noticed by all commissions involved.

4. **Reports**

A. Shellfish

Kantor reported the shellfish areas are open in the upper part of the river. There is no scallop season this year. Many factors can effect the scallop's availability.

B. Harbor Master

D. Morris questioned the existence of a mooring in the bay. He stated the mooring is off the breakwater by the Niantic Yacht Club. There is an invoice for \$712.00 for maintenance performed on the mooring. There is a sticker on the mooring stating it is for the Harbor Masters use. D. Morris heard about the mooring was when he received a call from Vibber asking where he would like to place the mooring. Possibly the mooring was purchased to use when boats broke down or became loose as a temporary mooring. It was the consensus of the members to pay the invoice. Neither the past Harbor Master nor the Commission could recall authorizing purchase of a mooring for the Harbor Master and will research past minutes to clarify. The commission will include the harbor master mooring for discussion on a future agenda.

D. Morris stated the spread sheets of all moorings will be sent to the members. He stated he is not pulling moorings that have been abandoned because of the expense and difficulty of notification. Survey has been completed; there are 233 renewals and 21 new moorings, 10-20 have been abandoned.

2018 stickers need to be ordered. The expense of the stickers was discussed. It was the consensus of the commission to authorize D. Morris to order new stickers.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers reported he just received an invoice for \$712.00 (previously discussed), \$25.00 for warden hours, 12.50 for warden hours also received a check for \$10.00 for a permit.

D. Ex-Officio

P. Dagle updated the members on the budget and proposed cuts to the town by the state.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

S. Dinsmore stated he had received comments from Hitchery and Johnston and asked if anyone else had comments to submit. Once all commission comments have been received a meeting will be scheduled with Geoff Steadman before submission to the Board of Selectmen. S. Dinsmore will schedule a special meeting to address comments.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

- Application for a COP-Cummings
- Verification of Public Notice published-Hitchery
- Public Notice postponing Londregan hearing
- Request from Town Clerk for schedule of 2018 Meeting dates

FINAL COMMENTS

Landers suggested being prepared for the joint meeting (discussed previously) between the commissions. Various areas were discussed for possible aquaculture.

T. Londregan (applicant) commented on some of the areas and discussed the various types of shellfish farms and equipment.

The issue of who has the authority to approve leasing of State waters was discussed and also the question of whether the Board of Selectmen can override the statutorily established commissions decision. Ex-Officio Dagle stated there was nothing in the statutes which give the commission the authority to issue leases.

G. Murin stated he discussed the proposed dinghy dock with Boats Inc. and said there may be another solution in addition to the one discussed at the October meeting. Instead of finger pier sticking out in the middle of the channel and 8' to 10' wide float (with ramp) could be built parallel to the bulk head. This would provide the full length of the town park bulk head-approximately 30 feet-for dingy space, and would be acceptable to Boats Inc. S. Dinsmore stated Don McKenzie from Boats Inc. will be at the next months meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 8:57

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang