

TOWN OF EAST LYME EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman Stephen Dinsmore Treasurer **Donald F. Landers Jr.**

Secretary Joseph Hitchery

East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Special Meeting Minutes September 11, 2017

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Chairman

Don Landers Rick Kanter Joe Hitchery Greg Murin

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Members Absent: Bill Mountzoures

Barbara Johnston

1. Call to Order. Meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chairman Steve Dinsmore.

2. The Chairman first reiterated that the town of East Lyme does have not jurisdiction in the proposed area, for harbor management or shellfish activities of the Londregan Niantic River Aquaculture project. The purpose of the meeting tonight is to consider writing a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers.

Input was allowed from the public on the project. Areas of concern included Public access, Public safety, aesthetic degradation, decrease of waterfront property owners values, amount of exposure of racks at low tides, and potential ecological impact.

After all attendees were allowed to speak, the public input portion of the meeting was closed to allow the commission to consider their position. Mr. Murin made a motion to submit a letter in opposition to the project citing the issues presented by the public. There was no second and Mr. Murin withdrew his motion. Mr. Kanter made a motion to write a letter generally supporting the proposal, while citing areas of concern that were mentioned tonight. The motion was seconded by Mr. Landers.

Chairman Dinsmore had received an email in opposition to the project from commissioner Johnston and accepted it as a proxy vote against the project. The motion passed 4-2, with Mr. Murin and Ms. Johnston in opposition.

3. Adjournment. 8:46 PM