

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER, 19 2017  
7:30  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Joseph Hitchery

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Joe Hitchery, Don Landers, and Rick Kanter

**Members Absent:** Barbara Johnston, Bill Mountzoures, Greg Murin,

**Ex Officio:** Selectman Paul Dagle  
Harbor Master Dick Morris

FILED

Dec 27 2017 AT 10:10 AM/PM  
*[Signature]*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. **Call to Order:** Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 21, 2017**  
**Motion:** (Kanter/Hitchery) to approve the minutes of November 21, 2017 as presented.  
**Vote:** Approved unanimously
3. **Public Delegations**
  - A. **Delegations from the Public-No Comments**
  - B. **Public Works-New Staging/Transient Float, Grand Street Boat Launch**

Keith Neilson, PE from DOCKO, INC. presented a revised plan for the, transient float and bulkhead replacement at Grand Street that has been agreed to by Boats INC and Harbor Hill Marina. Public Works is asking for the concurrence of the Harbor Management Commission so the town can move forward with permitting.

Hitchery asked why the float was not utilizing of all the space and suggested it be longer.

Public Works Deputy Director, Bill Shear stated there was a 24" drainage pipe exiting the bulkhead which prohibits the dock from being longer. He stated during peak flow events the water comes out at a high rate of speed and volume and he would not put anything in front of the pipe. He informed the members that the pipe drains all of downtown Niantic. Landers suggested cantilevering the platform from the bulkhead.

Neilson stated the dock would go in first and the sheet piling would go in only if the wooden bulkhead failed. They would like to get a permit submitted just in case the structure does fail as opposed to getting a COP. He stated there is no funding at this point for the project.

Kantor suggested if the dock goes in, it should be promoted for dingy use for transient boaters.

Shear stated the proposed dock at Cini Park would most likely go in first. The project cost is approximately \$30,000 without the bulkhead. The bulkhead cost is approximately \$2000-\$3000 feet per foot.

**Motion: (Landers/Hitchery) to accept the conceptual proposal for the New Staging /Transient Float as revised on 11/22/17.**

The commission stated the proposal was consistent with their plan but not an ideal situation.

**Vote: Approved Unanimously**

#### **4. Reports**

##### **A. Shellfish**

Kantor reported the shellfish areas are open.

##### **B. Harbor Master**

D. Morris informed the commission the new stickers- teal blue-have been received and the invoice submitted.

##### **C. Treasurer**

Landers reported he received the invoice for the stickers and received a check for the Niantic Bay Shellfish lease. He suggested they discuss the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019. Based on income from the mooring fees, we may be revenue neutral. If so, there is the possibility a revenue fund could be set up to conform to State Statute.

It was the consensus of the members to submit the same budget as the current year.

##### **D. Ex-Officio**

P. Dagle stated that Harbor Management Commission members, B. Mountzoures and J. Hitchery had been reappointed by the Board of Selectmen.

##### **E. Niantic River Aquaculture Meeting**

Landers attended the Niantic River Aquaculture meeting and reported that:

- It was well attended
- It was good for the two First Selectmen to get a better understanding of the issues

- Not much opposition
- Discussion of the benefits to water quality due to aquaculture was good
- Discussed 6 areas
- Town attorney laid out procedure for leasing

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

B. Mountzoures and B. Johnston have not responded with further comments. 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. Approval of Calendar of Meetings for 2018

**Motion: (Landers/Kantor) to approve the 2018 meeting dates as presented:**

The third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 with the exception of June, July and August when the commission will meet the third Monday of the month.

**Vote: Approved Unanimously**

### B. Election of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

**Motion: (Landers/Hitchery) to nominate S. Dinsmore as Chairman**

**Motion: (Hitchery/Kantor) to nominate D. Landers as Treasurer.**

**Motion: (Kantor/Landers) to nominate J. Hitchery as Secretary.**

**No nominations from the floor**

**Vote: Approved Unanimously**

### C. Proposed Budget for 2018

Discussed previously

### D. Correspondence

An individual application for a dock was received and the applicant (D.Kenney) will be referred to WELSCO for review of any impact on shellfish areas

**Motion: (Landers/Hitchery) finds the application consistent with the Commission's Harbor Management Plan with the following comment: To clarify the clearance of the fixed portion of the dock is at a minimum 5 feet above the high tide mark for the purpose of public passage.**

A COP was submitted by Greg Muring, for work on Quarry Dock Road

**FINAL COMMENTS**

Stan Pawcheski, Waterford resident is opposed to the town creating new areas to accommodate the Londregan application.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion: (Hitchery/Landers) to adjourn at 8:39**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang