

TOWN OF EAST LYME  
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2018  
7:30 PM  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Joseph Hitchery

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Joe Hitchery, Don Landers, Rick Kanter and Don MacKenzie  
**Members Absent:** Bill Mountzoures, Greg Murin,

**Ex Officio Present:** Selectman Paul Dagle.  
**Ex Officio Absent:** Harbor Master Dick Morris

1. **Call to Order:** Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM
2. **Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 19, 2017**  
**Motion: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the minutes as amended:**

Page 1 & 2 correct Bill ~~Shear~~ to Scheer  
Page 2, ~~dingy~~ to dinghy  
Page 3, section A. change to show B. Johnston provided comments to Geoff Steadman.  
Page 3, Section D. insert-for a dock **on the Niantic River....**  
Page 3, Section D. Insert: **Vote: Approved Unanimously**

**Vote: Approved unanimously**

**(Chairman Dinsmore welcomed new member Don MacKenzie)**

3. **Public Delegations**

A. **Delegations from the Public**

Ellen Fratus suggested the Commission have a Public Comment section at the end of the agenda so the public can comment on the discussions of the Commission. She commented she and others were still concerned about the location of the proposed shellfish farm.

Chairman Dinsmore stated that the East Lyme HM/S Commission is only responsible for shellfish farming in the Bay outside the Niantic River.

Mike Leventry , 11 Oswegachie Hills Rd,. stated there was a WELSCO meeting scheduled for Thursday concerning area 2 and 5 for aquaculture.

FILED

Jan 23 2018 AT 1:40 AM/PM

*Clayton*

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**A. Shellfish**

Kantor reported the shellfish areas are now open but had been closed due to a heavy rain event. He spoke to a few shell fishermen and they stated there are plenty of clams and oysters.

Kantor attended the annual State shellfish meeting. He stated it was very productive with a lot of good information provided on aquaculture.

**B. Harbor Master - no report**

The members asked the Chairman to remind the Harbor Master to provide the moorings spreadsheet.

**C. Treasurer**

D. Landers informed the members that there have been no bills paid or submitted. He presented the Commission's budget of \$10,000 to the Town.

**D. Ex-Officio**

P. Dagle stated the Board of Selectmen approved a STEAP Grant of \$500,000 for Cini Park upgrades which include portable bathrooms and possibly a kayak dock for people who may have difficulty getting into and out of their kayaks.

Funding in the amount of \$70,000 from STEAP and an additional \$139,000 left over from the brown field funds for the Mobil Station property was approved. There will be a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on January 17, 2018.

**E. Niantic River Aquaculture Meeting-mediation meeting**

There is a mediation meeting on February 2, 2018 at the Old Lyme Marine Fisheries. D. Landers will represent the Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Harbor Management Plan-Update**

There has been no activity on the Plan in the last month. D. MacKenzie will read the plan and provide his comments to the Chairman.

Chairman Dinsmore explained the process for the Plan to be implemented.

P. Dagle strongly suggested the Commission review the proposed ordinance and provide any comment associated with the Plan.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Correspondence**

Three letters of appointment from the Board of Selectmen to the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission:

Joe Hitchery  
Bill Mountzoures  
Don MacKenzie  
Report from NOAA-Milford Aquaculture Seminar

**FINAL COMMENTS**

D. Landers stated he would follow up on the availability of the Harbor Improvement Grant.  
J. Hitchery noted that the DEEP General Permit governing moorings expires January 2018.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion: (Landers /Hitchery) to adjourn at 8:16 PM**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

