

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 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, Don MacKenzie

Members Absent: Greg Murin, Bill Mountzoures

Ex Officios present: Paul Dagle, Harbor Master Dick Morris, Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger

Guest: Ron Johnson

FILED

July 19 2018 AT 1:20 AM (PM)
Katherine
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order: S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 18, 2018

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the June 18, 2018 minutes as presented:

Vote: Approved

3. Public Delegations

Terry Lineburger, (Waterford) expressed concern about the amount of aquaculture gear that would be visible in area 2 marked out by oysterman Londregan. Chairman Dinsmore informed her that the Commission can comment on applications only in regard to consistency with our Harbor Management Plan. R. Kanter stated that there was not yet an official application submitted to WELSCO, which has jurisdiction over permitting.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish

R. Kanter reported the Niantic River is open for shell fishing.

B. Harbor Master

Harbor Master Dick Morris informed the Commission that the navigation system on the boat was being repaired.

Deputy Harbor Master Berger, introduced Mr. Ron Johnson to the Commission as a candidate for Harbor Master. He is a retired Wethersfield police officer and has served as a shellfish warden and marine patrol officer.

Three nominees must be submitted to the Governor with a recommendation for appointment.

MOTION: (Kanter/Landers) to submit the following three nominees for consideration to the Governor for the Harbor Master position; Joe Hitchery, Marc Berger, and Ron Johnson with recommendation for appointment of Ron Johnson.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

R. Kanter reported a winter stick on the East Lyme side of the Niantic River opposite Sandy Point that should be moved closer to shore as it is a navigation hazard.

J. Hitchery suggested pulling moorings #250 and #221 in the Saunders Point area as they are no longer being used.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers informed the members of a \$2141.70 invoice from Geoff Steadman for Harbor Management Plan revision services in the previous fiscal year.

D. Ex-Officio

P. Dagle informed the Commission of a parking ordinance passed by the Board of Selectman. He also stated there were a number of resignations from various Boards and Commissions.

E. Niantic River Aquaculture

R. Kanter informed the members that WELSCO's scheduled meeting for this Thursday has been rescheduled for the following Thursday (July 26, 2018) at the Waterford Town Hall. It will be a joint meeting of WELSCO and Waterford Harbor Management.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

S. Dinsmore stated copies of the final Plan was delivered to the First Selectman for distribution. The Plan will be discussed by the Board of Selectmen at their September 5, 2018 meeting. G. Steadman and S. Dinsmore will be attending the meeting to answer any questions.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence:

A COP for a dock at Quarry Dock Road was received.

7. FINAL COMMENTS

Terry Lineburger (Waterford) informed the Commissioners of a case which was decided in contradiction of state statute.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers /Hitchery) to adjourn at 8:12 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang
Recording Secretary