

EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
AMENDED **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 15, 2019, 7:30 PM
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph Hitchery

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Joe Hitchery, Rick Kanter,
Members Absent: Bill Mountzoures, Don MacKenzie, Greg Murin,
Ex Officios present: none

1. CALL TO ORDER: Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2018

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

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

Peter Harris of WELSCO asked the Commission to support an ad in the Day paper for responsible lawn care. He reminded members they had supported the same ad last year. The total cost of \$1125.00 will be split between 4 agencies. The cost to each agency will be \$281.25. The effectiveness and overall look of the ad was questioned. The Commission asked Harris to ask Sea Grant to come up with a more effective and eye catching design.

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to allocate an amount not to exceed \$281.25 as a cost share of publication for best management practices to be published in the March edition of the Day paper. Vote: Approved. In favor-Dinsmore, Landers, Kanter. Opposed-Hitchery. Abstaining-none.

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish

The Niantic River is open

B. Harbor Master

Hitchery reported for Harbor Master Johnson that the forms and envelopes for mooring renewals have been printed and will start going out next week.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers received two invoices:

- \$72.60 for printing of forms and envelopes for mooring renewals
- \$56.25 to WELSCO for water sampling and patrol

Reimbursement was made to Hitchery for his payment for the 2019 mooring stickers. A check was received from Waterford for its share of the cost for winterization of the Harbor Master boat. This reimbursement will go back into the Commission's budget. Landers stated that all reimbursements due the Commission have been received.

Dinsmore informed the members he met with the First Selectman about the proposed 2019/2020 budget. Funding will remain at the current level.

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D. Ex-Officio

No report

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

Dinsmore reported that the Plan is with Marci at DEEP waiting for her approval. Attempts to contact her have been unsuccessful. Dinsmore will continue to reach out to her and he hopes to have approval by next meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sea Grant Restoration Project

Dinsmore drafted a letter concerning the Sea Grant Restoration Project and submitted it to the members. The members agreed it was well written and reflected their previous discussion. Dinsmore will submit it at the Shellfish Commission's gathering on January 26, 2019. Dinsmore stated that he would like to talk to Dave Kerry about the possibility of opening the remainder of Niantic Bay for shell fishing. He will ask what needs to be done to get the whole Bay open at a 1" level.

B. Correspondence

The members discussed the letter presented from the Town Attorney at the December meeting. Hitchery stated the letter confirmed what was already known by the Commission but did not address the question of whether or not WELSCO has leasing authority in the Niantic River. The Commission wants an opinion on who has jurisdiction for granting leases specifically in the Niantic River. He stated the East Lyme attorney should be made aware of the Waterford town attorney's opinion on the subject.

Dinsmore informed the members of his discussion with the First Selectman who reiterated his request that the Commission hold off on taking any action related to leases on the Niantic River until after the Public Safety Complex issue has been resolved. Until the issue of leases is legally settled, it was the First Selectman's opinion that nobody has jurisdiction to issue leases in the Niantic River.

7. FINAL COMMENTS: None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Hitchery) to adjourn at 8:29 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang
Recording Secretary