

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
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:** S. 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, WELSCO asked the Commission to support an ad in the Day paper for responsible lawn care. He reminded the members they had supported the same ad last year. The total cost of the ad (\$1125.00) will be split between 4 agencies. The cost to each agency will be \$281.25. The effectiveness of the ad and the overall look of the ad was questioned. The Commission asked P. 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 addition 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**

J. Hitchery reported for R. Johnson that the forms and envelopes for renewals have been printed and will be going out the following week.

**C. Treasurer**

D. Landers received two invoices:

- \$72.60 for printing of labels, letterhead etc. for renewals
- \$56.25 to WELSCO for water sampling and patrol

He stated he submitted the invoice for reimbursement to J. Hitcher for stickers. A check was received from Waterford for reimbursement of the winterization of the Harbor Master boat. The reimbursement will go back into the Commission's

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budget. D. Landers stated that all the reimbursements due to the Commission have been received.

S. Dinsmore informed the members he met with the First Selectman about the proposed 2019/2020 budget and they agreed to keep the funding at the current level.

**D. Ex-Officio**

No report

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Harbor Management Plan-Update**

S. Dinsmore reported that the "Plan" is with Marci at DEEP. Attempts to reach her for an estimate of when the "Plan" will be approved have been unsuccessful.

S. Dinsmore will continue to reach out to her and hopes to have the approval for the following month.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Sea Grant Restoration Project**

S. 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. S. Dinsmore will submit it at the Shellfish Commission's gathering on January 26, 2019.

S. Dinsmore stated that he would like to talk to Dave Kerry about the possibility of opening the rest 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 which was submitted by the Town Attorney at the December meeting. J. Hitchery stated the letter was correct but that the information is not what was asked for. The Commission wants an opinion on who has the jurisdiction for granting leases in the Niantic River. He stated the East Lyme attorney should be made aware of the Waterford town attorney's opinion on the subject.

S. Dinsmore informed the members of his discussion with the First Selectman. The First Selectman reiterated his request that the Commission hold off on taking any actions 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 on the Niantic River.

**7. FINAL COMMENTS: None**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary