

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 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 7:31 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF February 19, 2019

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In favor- S. Dinsmore, D. Landers, Opposed-none. Abstaining-Hitchery, Kanter.

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

FILED

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish

No Report

B. Harbor Master


Stickers have gone out.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers received an invoice from WELSCO for Warden patrol and water sampling for the month of January in the amount of \$68.75

D. Ex-Officio

No report

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

S. Dinsmore reported Geoff Steadman has submitted a summary of changes to Marci at DEEP and she said the summary should be sufficient for her to approve the plan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Possible Port Authority Grant Opportunities

S. Dinsmore had a short conversation with G. Goeschel about the availability of grant opportunities. G. Goeschel informed S. Dinsmore that the boat launch at Cini Park was approved but the transient boating dock slips had not been approved because of possible presence of eel grass.

The dingy dock at Grand St. had been discussed but not yet permitted.

Members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each site.

J. Hitchery said that the Commission should concentrate their efforts on the Cini Park area because the Grand St. water access channel is very difficult for visitors to find.

R. Kanter said that the Grand St. site makes more sense because transient boaters were more likely to anchor their boat farther up river and then launch a dingy to tie up at Grand St. for the shorter walk into town. He did not think they would tie up at the Cini Park site.

D. Landers stated that there is a study done every year by Millstone and no eel grass has been found at the proposed Cini Park floating dock site.

The Commission discussed requesting grant funds for a feasibility study for a transient boat dock.

S. Dinsmore will get clarification from G. Goeschel about any permits that may have been issued or denied.

B. POCD Report

The Commission needs to look at the next 10 years and determine what projects they need to plan for and then recommend for inclusion in the town's POCD. D. Landers volunteered to look at the existing POCD and make recommendations.

C. Future Shellfish restoration projects

S. Dinsmore relayed a response from Alissa Dragan, Bureau of Aquaculture (DABA) concerning the need to open growing areas in the town. She informed the Commission that Niantic Bay is going to be upgraded to a 3" approved area when she can get the 2018 East Lyme and Waterford report written, which is a priority for the Bureau. She stated field work for the survey is tentatively planned for the summer.

S. Dinsmore will set up a meeting with A. Dragan to discuss future plans.

E. Correspondence

J. Mereen sent the Commission a copy of the required public notice, published in The Day newspaper, in regard to a previously reviewed permit at 29 North Edgewood Rd.

7. FINAL COMMENTS:

D. Landers stated the Niantic River Watershed Committee received a grant of \$50,000 from the Community Foundation to update their 2006 watershed protection plan and they have put out an RFP for the update. They have hired Fuss and O'Neil to update the plan which will take approximately two years to complete.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/ Kanter) to adjourn at 8:10 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary