

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 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, Greg Murin, Don MacKenzie, Rick Kanter, Craig Mason (7:40)

Members Absent: Joe Hitchery

Ex Officios Present: Harbormaster Ron Johnson, Deputy Harbor Master Mark Berger

1. CALL TO ORDER: J. Hitchery called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

MOTION: (Kanter/MacKenzie) to approve the September 17, 2019 minutes as presented. Vote: Approved. In favor-Landers, Murin, MacKenzie, Kanter. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Dinsmore. (Mason was not present for the vote)

FILED

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

A. Public Delegations: none

Oct 28 20 19 AT 12:11 AM (PM)
Keith Neilson
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

B. Docko-Kolowsky project-61 Quarry Dock Rd.

Keith Neilson stated there is a wood piling pier at the site which was approved in 1985 by permit. Since then the owner(s) have kept adding onto the dock which recently caught the attention of DEEP. The owners are proposing an 8 X 20 long, standard dock layout. They have been through the consultation process and have all the permits. The application for an individual permit has been sent to DEEP and they have the approval of WELSCO.

MOTION: (Murin/Landers) the commission finds the proposal is consistent with East Lyme's Harbor Management Plan. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish

The Niantic River is closed due to excessive rain.

B. Harbor Master

R. Johnson, Harbor Master presented an invoice for \$1427.99 from Marine Special Products for the installation and labor for electronics. As per the MOU with the Town of Waterford an invoice for half of the cost will be issued.

The members discussed the terms of the grant under which the harbor master boat was acquired. S. Dinsmore will have the grant terms for the next meeting.

Discussion of moorings in the upper river were discussed. There are two moorings that appear to be outside of the designated area, possibly presenting a safety issue. The commission asked the Harbor Master to look into it to determine where they came from, who they belong to and where they should be located. The issue will be on the next agenda.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers reported:

- Submitted a bill for Save the River Save the Hills for pump out program-\$3,000
- Discussed a bill for \$2481.80 with the chief of police for damage done to the harbor master boat

- The bill presented at the meeting for the electronics.

D. Ex-Officio

No report

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

Geof Steadman submitted a three-page summary of changes to DEEP. DEEP has verbally stated the plan is approved. S. Dinsmore is waiting for the approval in writing before ordering copies of the plan

B. Future Shellfish Restoration Projects

An email from Allisa Dragan-DABA, stated she was in the area conducting surveys but there are still areas to survey. She stated that the area between 4 Mile River and Black Point could be considered for seasonal shell fishing. The members discussed the added cost of water sampling if these areas were opened up. R. Kanter suggested opening up the area on a trial basis.

The email mentioned the expanding mooring at the Niantic Bay Yacht Club. Also mentioned were expired mooring stickers. Harbor Master R. Johnson stated that he is working on resolving the expired stickers.

R. Kanter informed the members that there is a possible plan in place to seed the Niantic River with juvenile oysters. The oysters have the ability to improve the water quality of the river.

C. Former Marker 7 COP

S. Dinsmore has asked to be updated by DEEP on any correspondence concerning Former Marker 7 COP.

T. Londregan informed the commission that he had submitted all requested materials and information to DEEP. They wanted additional information which he has supplied. DEEP will approve or deny his application within days.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

D. Landers mentioned the email he had sent about the invitation to the Niantic River Watershed meeting, they are looking for comments and concerns about the river.

7. FINAL COMMENTS:

No comments

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 8:19 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary