

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 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, Don MacKenzie

Members Absent: Greg Murin, Craig Mason

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

Ex-Officios Absent: none

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2019**

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the November 19, 2019 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved Unanimously

FILED

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:**

A. Public Delegations-none

December 23, 20 19 AT 9:51 (AM/PM)
Brooke Stinson ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

4. **REPORTS**

A. Shellfish

The Niantic River was closed for clamming due to recent rains. Scallop season opened on Sunday. M. Berger question whether opening the river for scallop harvesting yearly, in spite of the quantity might avoid the anticipation and rush surrounding the occasional opening.

B. Harbor Master

R. Johnson, Harbor Master presented a bill for \$180.00 for additional work on the harbor master boat. The boat has been winterized and put into storage for the season.

S. Dinsmore met with First Selectman Nickerson and was informed that the bill for the vandalism of the boat had been covered by insurance. S. Dinsmore also discussed the sale of the harbor master boat and was told there should be agreement with all the stakeholders as to what should be done with the boat.

C. Treasurer

D. Landers reported three invoices:

- \$180.00 additional boat repairs submitted by Harbor Master (to be shared with Waterford)
- \$1263.22 winterization (to be shared with Waterford)
- \$118.75 August & September bill from WELSCO for warden patrol and water monitoring.

A check for \$320.00 was received from T. Londregan for the renewal of a shell fishing lease in Niantic bay.

D. Ex-Officio

Selectman Dagle stated the Public Safety Building is moving forward and the construction drawings will be coming soon. The actual costs will be known in January or February. The sally-ports and cells will be separate bids for opt in or out. He stated budget season will be starting soon.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

The Plan approval is still not completed by DEEP. Once it has been released it will go to the Board of Selectmen.

B. Future Shellfish Restoration Projects

The commission will have to decide if it wants to open the Black Point area for recreational shell fishing as well as incurring the expenses that would go with it.

R. Kanter informed the commission that the Niantic River has been seeded with oysters.

C. Former Marker 7 COP

S. Dinsmore met with First Selectman Nickerson and he stated that Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm does not have a permit and is under a Cease and Desist order.

Nickerson informed S. Dinsmore that until all the legal issues have been sorted out the Board of Selectman are the authorizing authority for any commercial shell fish permits on the East Lyme side of the Niantic River.

D. Sampling to Identify Bacterial Sources

D. Landers stated the Niantic River Watershed Committee and partners are exploring grant opportunities for the purpose of identifying bacterial sources in the Niantic River.

E. Gathering of Shellfish Commissions-January 11th, CAES

S. Dinsmore informed the members of the event and that it will be held in New Haven.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

R. Kanter reported the results of the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) meeting. He stated that the POCD committee would like all department recommendations submitted by December 20, 2019. R. Kanter developed the following recommendations:

HISTORIC KNOWLEDGE

Key Facts or Statistics

The East Lyme Harbor Management Commission is entrusted to ensure conservation and development is consistent with the EL Harbor Management Plan. The plan philosophy is to maintain clean waters and promote historical usage of the waterfront district with reasonable development.

The waters of the Town of East Lyme are directly affected by any development in the entire Niantic River Watershed.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT STATUS

Key Facts or Statistics I Currently the waters of East Lyme are impaired from time to time by non-source point pollution, mainly runoff from land and

pavement. This can cause excess bacteria, hypoxia, swimming closures, and shellfish harvesting shut downs.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Storm water management
2. Run off mitigation
3. Development taking into consideration of consequences of runoff. Implementation should encompass swales and berms where applicable. Setbacks where necessary. Storm drainage systems, particularly on large paved surfaces. Consideration of nonpoint source pollution in the residential and commercial zones

It is imperative that any development in the town, including regulations, take into account that ultimately rain, storm, and accidental runoff ends up in the Town of East Lyme waters. No vacuum exists and the above referenced spheres all interact.

REFERENCES

Are there any relevant reports, publications etc. you are aware of that we should consider?

The members decided to add the following documents/plans:

- The Harbor Management Plan
- Shellfish Management Plan
- Niantic River Watershed Plan
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D. Landers will review the past POCD for any updates, revisions or additions.

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) approve the document as presented with the addition of the Harbor Management Plan, Shellfish Management Plan and the Niantic River Watershed Plan. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

There are three members that have terms expiring and will need to be sworn in.

B. Approval of Calendar of Meetings for 2020

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission's 2020 meeting dates as presented. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

C. Election of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary

S. Dinsmore called for nominations three times.

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to nominate S. Dinsmore as Chairman, J. Hitchery as Secretary and D. Landers as Treasurer. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

D. Proposed Budget for FY 2020-2021

MOTION: (Landers/Hitchery) to submit the budget equivalent to the 2019-2020 budget in the total amount of \$10,000. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

E. Londregan Lease Renewal (EL3)

T. Londregan submitted his annual report and a request to renew his 5-year lease for his shellfish operation in the bay. He is asking the commission to consider a 10-year lease.

T. Londregan stated that a 10-year lease is more beneficial because it can take 3 years for the product to mature.

S. Dinsmore stated he would have to review the shellfish management plan and Londregan's current lease for the terms of approval.

T. Londregan, Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm requested permission to take no more than 100, three inch oysters from the Pattagansett River for research by Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory (Rutgers University NJ) as part of a program to establish new genetic/crosses.

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) approve request from T. Londregan for the taking of no more than 100, three inch oysters from the Pattagansett River for research by Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory (Rutgers University NJ) as part of a program to establish new genetic/crosses. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

7. FINAL COMMENTS-none

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Hitchery) to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2020 Meeting Dates: January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15.



TOWN OF EAST LYME
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2020 Schedule of Meetings

East Lyme Harbor Management & Shellfish Commission

All meetings are conducted at the East Lyme Town Hall

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM

January 21, 2020
February 18, 2020
March 17, 2020
April 21, 2020
May 19, 2020
June 15, 2020 *
July 20, 2020 *
August 17, 2020 *
September 15, 2020
October 20, 2020
November 17, 2020
December 15, 2020

Meetings are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month

*Meetings are conducted on the third Monday of the month

From: Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm
To: WELSCO
Date: 12-3-19

Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm (NBSF) hereby requests that the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission authorize the taking of no more than 100 three inch plus Eastern Oysters from the Pattagansett River by NBSF for the sole purpose research. The oysters will be used by Haskin Shellfish Research Laboratory (Rutgers University NJ) as part of a spawning program to help establish new genetic lines/crosses. Such authorization is requested by the DABA on the attached AQ-70 *Application for Scientific/Resource Assessment License*.



Stephen Dinsmore

E.L. Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission Chair



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Bureau of Aquaculture and Laboratory



APPLICATION FOR SCIENTIFIC/RESOURCE ASSESSMENT LICENSE

CONNECTICUT LICENSE NO. 225 SS APPLICATION DATE: 12-3-2019 SOC. SECURITY NO: _____ OR
FED. IDENTIF. NO: 47-2409146

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: Collection of wild native E. Oysters for Rutgers Haskin Shellfish Research Lab. Part of a NOAA grant to create new and more
receptive oyster strands.

This license is required by municipalities, institutions, companies or individuals involved in assessing shellfish resources, management methods, chemical and bacterial levels, new species or species introduction from other areas, predators, chemical control or enhancement, or other scientific endeavors relative to shellfish.

SHELLFISH REMOVAL FROM SITE:

NO REMOVAL INTERSTATE TRANSPORT INTRASTATE TRANSPORT

APPLICANT: Timothy A. Londregan III & Michael Whiteside
(Print name to appear on license)

ADDRESS: 111 Main Street Niantic CT 06357
(Street) (City, State, Zip Code)

TELEPHONE: 860-738-6273
(business) (emergency)

PART I. - AREAS FROM WHICH SHELLFISH ARE TAKEN

SHELLFISH SPECIES	CITY/TOWN	LOCATION OF HARVEST/PURCHASE	QUANTITY	DATE	MAP DESIGNATION
E. Oyster	East Lyme	Paltagansett River	100	by 5-1-2020	

PART II. - AREAS WHERE SHELLFISH WILL BE PLACED

SHELLFISH SPECIES	CITY/TOWN	LOCATION	QUANTITY RELOCATED	DATE	MAP DESIGNATION
E. Oyster	Port Norris, NJ	Haskin Shellfish Research Lab	100	by 5-1-2020	

These shellfish may not be marketed, sold, bartered, consumed or otherwise offered. Shellfish may not be removed from any leased, granted, state or local natural bed without specific agreement from the party of note attached to this application. This license is subject to all federal, state and local laws that may apply.

ARE ANY SHELLFISH LISTED IN PART I, BROUGHT TO SHORE FOR LAND TRANSPORTATION: YES NO
IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE PART IV.

- * A current copy of your license must be kept on your vessel(s).
- * As part of the U.S. FDA/ISSC compliance program the Department of Agriculture and Environmental Protection Law Enforcement Division has established a telephone reporting system for operations conducting activities in "closed" areas.
Harvesting in Prohibited and Restricted-Relay areas must be called in to the DEP Dispatcher at 860-424-3503.

To: East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission
From: Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm
Date: 12/3/2019

Annual Report 2019

2019 seemed to be a rather slower growing year. While we did get some good growth on the new crop, we did not produce as many market size oysters from last years seed. However, this will be countered by our very nice three year old smalls. We have been approved for our full build out over Five acres and 600 gear units. Once again, the exposure at our site has cause some issues but nothing too alarming. We are hoping that with the acquire of some new lease areas we will be able to establish the EL-3 site for simply market grow out as that site is best suited for that and not rearing seed.

The enclosed check is for the 2020 year lease. This is the fifth year of my five year lease. I hereby wish to exercise my option to renew lease EL-3 for an increment of 10 years with an annual payment due on the first of the year. Please contact me with any questions you may have, or forward me any documentation/forms you wish for me to complete for this process.

Sincerely,



Timothy A. Londregan III
Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm
Owner/founder
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