

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020, 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, Greg Murin, Don MacKenzie, Rick Kanter
Members Absent: Craig Mason
Ex Officios Present: Selectman Paul Dagle
Ex Officios Absent: Harbormaster Ron Johnson, Deputy Harbor Master Mark Berger

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 17, 2019 meeting

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the December 17, 2019 minutes as presented.
Vote: Approved. Murin abstained.

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS: None

4. REPORTS

- A. Shellfish:** No one attended the meeting of Shellfish Commissions in New Haven on January 11. Kanter reported the River is open for clamming but scalloping was closed January 15. The River was seeded with 20,000 scallops in an effort to stimulate natural growth.
- B. Harbor Master:** HM Johnson absent. Hitchery reported a loose floating dock section in the River on Sunday (about 4'x16' in size), which was a hazard to navigation. He retrieved it with the help of the Fire Dept. and their dinghy which was available from the Grand St. station. It was later claimed by a Waterford resident and will be retrieved ASAP. Dinsmore reported he received a communication from the East Lyme Fire Chief requesting transfer of management, maintenance, and storage of the Port Security vessel to the EL Fire Department. He discussed the request with 1st Selectman Nickerson and decided to continue business as usual, and was not going to pursue this any further.
- C. Treasurer:** Received a \$50 billing from WELSCO for Warden services which will be paid. Per a meeting with Nickerson and Anna Johnson, a \$10,000 budget will be submitted for this year which is the same as last year.
- D. Ex-Officio:** Selectman Dagle reported on Zoning Board of Appeals & Marker 7/Londregan appeal meeting and the Public Safety building renovations progress.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Harbor Management Plan-Update-** DEEP requested one line regarding public access to be removed from the Plan. Then again to BOS for final approval.
- B. Future Shellfish Restoration Projects-** Dinsmore will be consulting with DABA in re opening a new shellfishing area off Old Black Point.

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C. Marker 7 Activities – Cease and Desist Zoning Appeal- Dinsmore attended a 4 & ½ hour meeting. Decision postponed to February 3, but this Commission is now out of the process.

D. Londregan Lease Renewal (EL3)- Original lease cannot be located, but the area consists of 63 acres in the previously designated Mohican fish trap location in the Bay with 7 acres designated for type II cultivation. Original agreement was for five years at \$5 per acre. Londregan can submit another application as a renewal application by Feb 17, 2020. Price to be determined after Landers researches to ascertain what other towns are charging.

E. Sampling to identify bacterial sources- The upper Niantic River rain/flow gauge is to be reinstated, but sampling by the State to identify bacterial sources has been tabled by DABA.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence- none

7. FINAL COMMENTS: No comments

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Murin/Hitchery) to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Hitchery
Secretary