

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2020 7:30 PM
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph Hitchery

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Joe Hitchery Greg Murin, Craig Mason, Don MacKenzie

Members Absent: Don Landers, Rick Kanter

Ex-Officios Present: none

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

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020

MOTION: (Murin/Mason) to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as amended.

4. A. Shellfish. ~~No one~~ **R. Kanter** attended the meeting....

Vote: Approved Unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

A. Public Delegations

Peter Harris, WELSCO, presented the annual Sea Grant ad for the Day paper on responsible lawn care practices. He stated it will be a full page ad with color to be placed at the end of March or beginning of April. The Waterford Shellfish Commission, Niantic River Watershed Commission, and WELSCO have agreed to sponsor the ad. The East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission would be responsible for \$250.00 if they choose to be a co-sponsor.

MOTION: (Mason/MacKenzie) to approve the support of the Sea Grant ad in the Day paper in the amount of \$250.00. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Ellen Fratus, Waterford, asked if the Commission plans on writing a letter opposing the proposed solar farm in Waterford because it would negatively affect the Niantic River Watershed. S. Dinsmore noted the solar farm project built in East Lyme by the same company had detrimental effects on the Niantic River river due to runoff. C. Mason will investigate the project.

4. REPORTS

A. Treasurer

S. Dinsmore stated the Commission's budget was cut by \$3,500.00. Funding for the pump out boat will now be included in the First Selectman's budget. He stated that in a meeting with the First Selectman, he and D. Landers pointed out that the Commission brings in enough revenue in fees to cover the Commission budget. S. Dinsmore informed the members that the First Selectman stated the Commission could possibly be a self funding Commission. The budget has been cut below the revenue the Commission brings in yearly.

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B. Ex-Officio

No report

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan-Update

Copies of the approved Plan were handed out to members and a copy will be filed with the Town Clerk.

B. Future Shellfish Restoration Projects

No report

C. Former Marker 7 Activities-Cease and Desist Appeal

S. Dinsmore stated East Lyme ZBA denied the appeal by T. Londregan of Marker 7. S. Dinsmore asked T. Londregan, Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm if he had the draft conditions for the Niantic Bay shellfish lease renewal. T. Londregan stated he was waiting on the Commission for the lease but he would fill out the lease with suggested modifications if that is the Commission's preference.

D. MacKenzie submitted fee structures of towns with shellfish leases. He stated that East Lyme is the lowest, charging \$5.00 per acre, and Stonington charges \$60.00 per acre. He suggested charging \$21.00 to \$25.00 per acre over a five-year period.

D. Sampling to Identify Bacterial Sources

S. Dinsmore and D. Landers will meet to discuss the issue.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence-none

7. FINAL COMMENTS-none

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Murin/Mason) to adjourn at 8:06 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

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