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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
August 6, 2020, 6 pm
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Susan Gonzalez (Town of East Lyme), Eric Kanter (Waterford-EL Shellfish Commission), Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission, Michelle Maitland (Niantic Resident)

Excused: David Bliven, Town of Montville; Doug Lawson, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission, Maureen Fitzgerald (Town of Waterford), Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator, Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: None

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** Don Landers moved, second by Don Danila, to seat Ralph Bates for Salem. All in favor. Passed.
3. **Review and Approval of July, 2020 meeting minutes:** July 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve, with one typographical error (spelling on "Latimer..."), by Don Landers, and seconded by Susan Gonzalez. All in favor. Passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's Report. R. Bates made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Eric Kanter. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** Judy Rondeau emailed Coordinators Report dated August 6, 2020. Chris Tomichek summarized for attendees. No additional items or concern were identified by the Committee.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** Eric Thomas emailed Chris that he could not attend meeting and had no updates from DEEP. He is expecting an invoice for NRWC update from Fuss & O'Neill
7. **Old Business:**
 - D. Turner - has plaque for Jasper. Don D. to coordinate presentation.
 - Town Matters: D. Danila provided an update on the Waterford solar development – STSH cross examined. Went to break Don, Dave, Steve T. were about to be cross examined postponed to Aug 25, sign up on the siting council website due to storm / power outages.

Subcommittee Updates:

 - Monitoring Group: Don still needs to do monthly sampling, insufficient rain out of TS. Did not get to comment on minutes (change previous months minutes to temp sensors not transducers). If they approve solar project, require developer to monitor temp and turbidity.
 - Education/Outreach Group: nothing from Judy / others

NRWPP Update Steering Committee:

 - F+O – Plan is completed. Chris indicated that Judy recommends that we should approve the plan and F+O final invoice. Don L. motions to approve final plan amended with recent round of comments, second by Eric Kanter. Committee pleased, unanimously passed. Judy did a great job spearheading it.



- Motion to pay FO invoice – Pete Harris motion, bates second, Dave Turner abstained because he had not had an opportunity to review, motion passed. Dave Turner – do we have the funds? Chris T responded, yes sufficient funding is in place, and was out of comm foundation / DEEP grant. Don D. to verify with Judy.

Sandy Point (Town matters) – The number of moorings at sandy point triggered the need for reclassification, however it was delayed due to Covid Pandemic. Previously on Memorial day weekend, Sandy Point was observed to be boat / party location. Bureau of Aquaculture decided to reclassify Sandy Point east to bottom of Smith Cove entrance so that it is only open for shell fishing in winter. Summer shell fishing would only be allowed in the middle of the River, and as a result 25 acres of shell fishing ground will be lost. It is problematic because shell fishing is closed while notifications are made. Hard to sell permits due to reduced staffing due to Pandemic (Town and Wellsco). DABA is worried about people discharging sewage into swim and clam areas and is increasing water sampling rainfall trigger. Dave T – asked if areas further north would be made available for shell fishing? Substrate not conducive to shell fishing / and is good spawning grounds. Winter season – Nov 15 (marinas less than 20 boats with “heads”). Because of the second criteria, often delayed to December due to warmer weather.

8. New Business:

- Don Landers – stormwater sampling needs to be initiated. Don will follow up with Judy. Susan willing to assist if not coincident with millstone samples.
- Melissa will be on vacation for next meeting; alternate secretary for meeting needed.

Note: Rick Kanter was not officially seated as an Alternate at the start of the meeting. Pete Harris made motion to sit Rick – all previous motions by Rick Kanter count, D. Landers second, all in favor, motion passes.

9. **Public Comments:** Michele Maitland– lives in Niantic, has an interest. Works for Town of Groton. Recruit / referral from Judy. Attended workshop in Waterford earlier in the year.

10. **Next Meeting:** September 3rd, 2020, 6 PM, via Zoom.

11. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 637PM bylanders, seconded by Gonzolez. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa Bezanson".

Melissa Bezanson
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative