

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 2021, 7:30 PM  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Craig Mason

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Joe Hitchery, Don MacKenzie, Greg Murin, Craig Mason, Rick Kanter

**Members Absent:** none

**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** P. Dagle, BOS liaison, Ron Johnson, Harbor Master, Mark Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

**Ex-Officio(s) Absent:** none

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

**MOTION:** (Murin/MacKenzie) to approve the minutes of the regular September 21, 2021, meeting as presented: **Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

**FILED**

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:**

A. **Delegations from the Public-**none

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Kanter  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer:**

A check from T. Londregan for a shellfish lease renewal for the current year was received. D. Landers is processing invoices as they arrive

B. **Ex-Officio:**

P. Dagle reported that the BOS and the BOF has agreed to pay a portion of the invoice from T. Londregan for the abandoned boat. The BOS agrees that any issue with boats should be handled by the Harbor Master and the East Lyme Police have been notified as to the correct procedure. A new pump out boat was originally scheduled to be purchased by the American Rescue Funds (ARF) in partnership with Waterford, but a question has arisen if the ARF can be used with another federally funded grant for the boat.

The Commission thanked Selectman Dagle for his service to the town and the Commission.

C. **Harbor Master**

R. Johnson submitted a report of the current moorings and the funding received from the moorings. He reported that when they tried to move the Harbor Masters mooring from the Niantic Bay it was determined that the mooring was not suitable for use due to significant erosion. He located a replacement 500 lb. mushroom mooring for \$400.00 and recommended the Commission purchase it.

**MOTION:** (Landers/Kanter) to expend \$400.00 plus expenses for the purchase and installation of the mooring.

**Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Abandoned Boat in Marker 7 possession – update**

R. Johnson reported that he and Town Attorney, Mark Zamarka, presented a check to T. Londregan for an agreed amount for the removal of a boat from Cini Park beach and storage fees. The boat has since been towed to a town owned dock.

Attorney Zamarka is in the process of recouping the funds the town has paid for the abandoned boat from the owner, Steven Streeter.

Harbor Master Johnson believes the owner plans on driving the boat from the dock as he was seen working on it.

Deputy Harbor Master Berger informed the members that T. Londregan did not charge the town for towing the boat to the town dock. M. Berger suggested the Commission write a policy for issues with problem boats.

S. Dinsmore stated that after the election he will discuss it with the new administration.

The Commission discussed the town buying an insurance rider to cover the cost of dealing with problem boats, but S. Dinsmore stated he has already had discussions with the town, and they are not interested in the insurance option.

**B. Shellfish Lease Renewal Process-no report**

**C. Londregan Lease Renewal (EL3)-Update: Craig Mason**

C. Mason reported that he added, "shellfish" in place of, "clams" to the lease renewal. The Commission asked him to specify, "type I" and "type II" aquaculture to the renewal. The members suggested C. Mason contact T. Londregan for other suggestions.

**D. Habitat Restoration – Habitat studies – No action**

**E. Shellfish Management Plan:**

R. Kanter reported that WELSCO broadcast 20,000 oysters over areas in the Niantic River. He informed the Commission that a partnership with UCONN and Cornell are discussing an experiment in the Niantic River to encourage eel grass growth, especially in some of the difficult areas. The experiment may take place in Summer 2022.

**F. Establish mooring policy – Waterford Working Group**

S. Dinsmore received an email from the chairman of the Waterford Harbor Management Commission, notifying him that a couple of members were appointed to the group. Fred Wise, Waterford Harbor Management Commission, said it was his understanding that three people were appointed from his Commission. G. Murin and C. Mason volunteered to be on the working group. It was the understanding of some of the members that this would be an informal group of one person from each commission to discuss issues in the river as they come up.

S. Dinsmore will contact the Waterford Harbor Management Commission chairman to discuss and clarify the makeup of the working group.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Correspondence-none**

**7. FINAL COMMENTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to adjourn at 8:13 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

**2021 Meeting Dates:** November 16 and December 21.