

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 21, 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, Greg Murin, Rick Kanter

**Members Absent:** Don MacKenzie, Craig Mason,

**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** Ann Cicchiello, 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 NOVEMBER 16, 2021**

**MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to approve the minutes of the regular November 16, 2021, meeting as amended:**

D. Landers said he received an invoice from Mike ~~Tyler~~ Theiler

MOTION: (Landers/~~Kanter~~ Murin) to authorize payment of \$400.00 to H. Plaut for the purchase of a mooring. FILED

**Vote: APPROVED unanimously**

*Dec 27, 20 21 AT 7:55 AM/PM*

*Brooke Hannon ATC*

EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:**

**A. Delegations from the Public:**

Bill Hurtle, 41 Sterling Hill Rd, Lyme, informed the Commission he is interested in applying for a lease in Niantic Bay. He would like to do sunken lines and cages with approximately 70,000 oysters.

The members offered suggestions on how to proceed and stated they would be looking hard at any new applications.

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Treasurer:**

D. Landers informed the members that a budget of \$6650, the same as last year has been submitted to the town.

He reported that the revenue received by the town for various Harbor Management activities are:

- 2018/2019- \$5820.00
- 2019/2020- \$6725.00
- 2020/2021- \$7450.00
- YTD-\$1220.00

The Commission received an invoice from WELSCO for services June-November for \$112.50 and an invoice for the Harbor Management boat winter storage at Crocker's Boat Yard for \$1127.10.

**B. Ex-Officio:**

Ann Cicchiello informed the members the BOS discussed the Cini Park dock leases. A subcommittee has been formed to review fishing leases. An ad-hoc committee has been formed to explore distribution of 3.6 million in ARPA funds. The members discussed a dingy dock and

questioned if it could be funded with the funds from ARPA. J. Hitchery suggested using the kayak dock as the transient dock as it is impractical for use to launch kayaks.

**C. Harbor Master**

R. Johnson said the boat is at Crocker's and stored inside. He has completed all the paperwork needed for stickers, applications, etc. and they are at the printers.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Shellfish Lease Renewal Process:**

S. Dinsmore spoke to the First Selectman, and he indicated there was no need for the BOS to get involved in the renewal process. S. Dinsmore said the lease application needs to be modified and approved by the town attorney.

**B. Londregan Lease Renewal (EL3)-Update: Craig Mason-no report**

**C. Shellfish Management Plan-no report**

**D. Establish mooring policy – no report**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Correspondence**

The SeaGrant gathering for January has been cancelled.

**B. Schedule for 2022 meetings.**

**MOTION:(Landers/Kanter) to approve the following 2022 meeting dates:**

January 18, 2022

February 15, 2022

March 15, 2022

April 19, 2022

May 17, 2022

June 13, 2022 \*

July 18, 2022\*

August 15, 2022 \*

September 20, 2022

October 18, 2022

November 15, 2022

December 20, 2022

Meetings are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month

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The meetings will start at 7:00

**Vote: APPROVED. In favor-Dinsmore, Landers, Murin, Kanter. Opposed-none.**

**Abstaining-Hitchery**

**C. Election of Officers**

S. Dinsmore called for nominations for Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

R. Kanter nominated S. Dinsmore for Chairman, D. Landers for Treasurer and C. Mason for Secretary.

**MOTION: (Kanter/Murin) to approve the slate of nominees for Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**7. FINAL COMMENTS**

The members recognized J. Hitchery for his years of service on the Commission and as Harbor Master and told him he will be missed.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Hitchery/Murin) to adjourn at 8:11 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

**2022 Meeting Dates:** January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 13, July 18, August 15, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20,