

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 2022
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Craig Mason

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Greg Murin, Don MacKenzie, Craig Mason, Jim Allen

Members Absent: Rick Kanter,

Ex-Officio(s) Present:

Ex-Officio(s) Absent: Ann Cicchiello, BOS liaison

Also Present: Mark Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

1. CALL TO ORDER: S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 17, 2022

MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2022, as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously

(it was the consensus of the Commission to move Harbor Master report before Public Delegations)

FILED

Reports-Harbor Master

M. Berger submitted a report for R. Johnson, Harbor Master: June 22, 2022 AT 8:26 AM/PM

- 32 moorings have not been inspected
- 22 people have not responded
- 54 moorings are outstanding.

Brooke Johnson ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

M. Berger discussed with a few towns concerning their policy and pricing for moorings. He spoke to the company who makes the Helix moorings concerning pricing. The towns he spoke to who have switched over to town owned Helix moorings informed him they converted from privately owned moorings to town owned moorings over the course of three years. Typically they would offer the private owner an option to have the first year of the new mooring free and the town would either sell the old mooring or sell it for scrap. The towns he spoke to then charged \$300 for each mooring, making the money invested, back on the third or fourth year. The Helix moorings are the equivalent of a 400 lb. mushroom mooring. The Helix moorings are considered to be more environmentally friendly and less maintenance.

MOTION: (Mason/ Landers) to form a subcommittee to establish standardization of moorings; the subcommittee will include D. Landers, C. Mason, J. Allen and M. Berger. Vote: APPROVED unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

A. Delegations from the Public:

T. Lineberger, Niantic River Road, Waterford, informed the Commission that she paid approximately \$1000 for a mooring in 2010 and pays \$50.00 a year to the town of Waterford and \$162.00 for an inspection. She asked if the size of the boat would be maximized due to the Helix mooring?

B. Review of Application for New Type 2 Shellfish Lease Area

There are still outstanding issues which need to be resolved/answered. The public hearing in July was discussed. The public hearing notice needs to be published, copies of the application for the town clerk and Commission members need to be provided and the main room reserved.

4. REPORTS

A. Treasurer:

D. Landers stated he has not received an updated budget report.

B. Ex-Officio-no report

C. Harbor Master-discussed earlier

5. OLD BUSINESS

B. Shellfish Lease Renewal Process:

C. Mason presented the changes to the lease renewal. He will update the fees agreed upon earlier by the Commission

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

D. Shellfish Management Plan-no discussion

E. Common River Issues – no report

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence:

D. Landers received two checks, 1 for a mooring and 1, for a lease from Niantic Bay Shellfish for \$320.00

S. Dinsmore received two COP's
Wrack Lines publication

B. SHIPP Grant

S. Dinsmore suggested they prepare for the next round of grants in 2023

D. Landers spoke to Bill Sheer who received permits for the dingy dock and Cini park transient boating. B. Sheer informed him that any federal grants have to be ADA compliant.

S. Dinsmore asked members to think of ideas for the grant.

7. FINAL COMMENTS-none

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

2022 Meeting Dates: July 18*, August 15*, September 20, October 18, November 15, December 20.

Meetings are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month

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The meetings will start at 7:00