

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2022
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Craig Mason

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

Members Absent: Craig Mason, Rick Kanter

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

Ex-Officio(s) Absent: none

Also Present: Ron Johnson, Harbor Master, Mark Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

1. CALL TO ORDER: S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

MOTION: Landers/Murin) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 20, 2022, as presented.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

A. Presentation of Online Moorings-Zoom meeting

D. MacKenzie gave an overview of the company and his communications with Online Moorings. He has talked to other towns who use the program and received positive feedback.

Matt Calouro, CT Online Mooring, gave a presentation via ZOOM on the software program he developed for tracking moorings. He described the various user interfaces for the public, administrative, Harbor Master and possibly inspection input. He discussed the fees for the program which is based on a per mooring cost of \$6.00 each. The initial input of information would be done by him. The training to use the program would be free. The first training is November 3, 2022. There will be full support for the first year and after that there is email support. If phone support is required, that would require an additional fee.

The Commission discussed the need to raise the mooring fees to cover the cost of the program and administrative help. There was a question of the need for a public hearing to raise mooring fees.

D. MacKenzie will talk to Essex and Stonington about any additional, unexpected costs associated with the program.

There was discussion of the increase in the mooring fees. A cost analysis, including the software program, admin help, and any other costs associated with moorings be determined in order to assess mooring fees.

B. Delegations from the Public

Terry Lineberger, Niantic River Road, suggested they get the town's tech person involved and let them know the needs of the Commission and Harbor Master. She said the Commission needs to understand the process they require as opposed to customizing the software program.

FILED

4. REPORTS

A. Treasurer-no report

B. Ex-Officio-no report

Oct. 25, 2022 AT 8:42 AM/PM
Brenda Heron A/C

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C. Harbor Master

Discussion of Online Mooring presentation-previously discussed

Discussion and recommendation for new Harbor Master

S. Dinsmore informed the members he spoke to the First Selectman, who informed him that there appears to be a path to solving the litigation with T. Londregan. If the issue is satisfactorily resolved, he would consider T. Londregan for Harbor Master. S. Dinsmore has been told that Dicky Morris would also be interested in the position. He suggested waiting until the following month to decide.

Discussion of Harbormaster Boat

The First Selectman spoke to the Waterford First Selectman who is not opposed to downsizing the Harbor Master boat. The First Selectman is also not opposed to swapping the Harbor Master boat with the police boat. It was not clear if Waterford was aware that they would not have access to the East Lyme Harbor Master boat. S. Dinsmore will discuss with the First Selectman to confirm with Waterford.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shellfish Lease Renewal Process/ Londregan Lease Renewal (EL3)

The Commission will use the town attorney for review of the Londregan and Hurtle leases.

B. Shellfish Management Plan-no discussion

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence

COP-Oswegatchie Hills-rebuild of a dock. The Commission has no comment
General Permit-102 Black Point-new dock. The Commission has no comment

7. FINAL COMMENTS

Terry Lineberger, Niantic River Road, inquired about the lease agreement with Hurtle. She stated that he needed DEEP and ACOE approvals. She also informed the members that by state statute the Commission needs to hold an additional Public Hearing before the lease is issued.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 8:32 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2022 Meeting Dates: 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