EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2023

EAST LYME TOWN HALL

Chairman Stephen Dinsmore Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary Jim Allen

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

Members Absent: Don Landers, Craig Mason

Ex-Officio(s) Present: Ann Cicchiello

Also Present: Ron Johnson, Harbor Master, Mark Berger

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2023.

MOTION: (Kanter/Allen) to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 18, 2023

as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS:

Mike Theiler, 595 Vauxhall St., Jeanette Fisheries asked if pyramid style moorings were allowed in the bay? He was informed that the Harbor Management Plan does not allow pyramid anchors in the bay but does allow in the river.

4. REPORTS

C. Treasurer:

The Commission received a check from Online Mooring for fees collected.

D. Ex-Officio:

A. Cicchiello reported the town referendum is May 18, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

If the budget passes it will be a 1.03 mil increase

She attended a Public Hearing at the Zoning Commission meeting for a mixed-use building on the corner of Main St. and Baptist Ln. A majority of the people attending were opposed to the project but the Commission had to approve as it met all the regulations.

E. Harbor Master

R. Johnson reported the boat is not in the water but will be as soon as it is painted. The new online system is going well.

M. Berger informed the Commission of an inspector that should be taken off the approved inspector list. He stated there are problems with the inspections and the gear for moorings.

D. MacKenzie informed the Commission, a meeting with R. Johnson, and S. Spang was held before the regular meeting to discuss an SOP for moorings.

Discussion of Harbormaster Boat

D. MacKenzie informed the members the boat swap will take place soon. He suggested setting up an account for fuel with Mago Point.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shellfish Lease / Londregan Lease Renewal:

S. Dinsmore will contact C. Maison to finalize the lease renewal.

B. Shellfish Management Plan:

S. Dinsmore will contact C. Maison to discuss the Shellfish Management Plan

C. Sign Replacement:

S. Dinsmore contacted DABA and was informed that no MOU was required for the bay. Area F, by the yacht club is a seasonal closure area and needs an MOU. Area F may not need corner markings but may need signal disks. DABA was unclear as to what the signs should look like.

D. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point

In order to expand to this area there will need to be seven samplings and possible access to homes on the islands to access the septic issues

E. McCooks Raft Mooring

S. Dinsmore spoke to Jerry Loken, Park and Rec. Director, and let him know to talk to the Harbor Master. R. Johnson said he had not heard from him.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting with Main Street-Transient Moorings

The Main St. group wanted to have a dingy dock west of the groin. The Commission did not recommend a transient mooring in the bay as it is not a good anchorage due to wave action and weather.

M. Theiler reminded the members that any docks/moorings for transients would have to consider the boats and facilities/lack of heads.

7. FINAL COMMENTS:

S. Dinsmore informed the members that they may be receiving an application for a dock in Black Point.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Kanter/Allen) to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted Sue Spang Recording Secretary

2022 Meeting Dates:

Meetings are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month *Meetings are conducted on the third Monday of the month The meetings will start at 7:00