

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 19, 2023

EAST LYME TOWN HALL

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Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Jim Allen

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TOWN CLERK

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Don MacKenzie, Jim Allen, Don Landers Jr., Greg Mosen

Members Absent: Rick Kanter, Greg Murin.

Ex-Officio(s) Present:

Also Present: Jim Spang interim Harbor Master

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting :

MOTION: (MacKenzie/Allen) to approve the minutes as presented. (typos noted) Vote: APPROVED unanimously

B. May 30, 2023 Special Meeting:

MOTION: (Allen/MacKenzie) to approve the minutes as presented Vote: APPROVED unanimously

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS-none

4. REPORTS

C. Treasurer:

The Commission received checks from Online Mooring for \$ 1913.15 and \$6412.62. Shellfish lease fee for \$320.00 from Niantic Bay Shellfish and a check from Docko for \$100.00. Expenditures were for fuel \$298.87 and boat supplies \$106.34. The mooring fees for 2023 come to \$18,650. D. MacKenzie reported that both the Harbor Maser Boat and police boat need maintenance.

D. Ex-Officio: no report

E. Harbor Master

J. Spang reported he did a safety check on the boat and that another set of docking lines would be useful. He had a training session with Matt from Online Mooring. There are a number of boats out of position which he has started to correct on the system. He has been out five times and a couple of times with Deputy Harbor Master Berger. J. Spang reported that 187 stickers have been issued so far this year, 57 renewals need inspections.

D. MacKenzie reported that some moorings have been abandoned and there needs to be a process for hauling moorings or unpermitted moorings.

S. Spang reported that 57 people have not responded to any communications at all.

The members reviewed the list of inspectors and decided to contact all of them and ask for an updated list of qualifications.

It was suggested looking at commercial fees as opposed to residential fees. It was also suggested looking at an initial application fee because for every initial application, Online Mooring charges the account \$6.00

MOTION: (Mason/Landers) to authorize the Harbor Master to notify by letter delinquent or absentee mooring owners with a 30 day notice to respond, failure to respond will cause the mooring to be pulled and the owner will be charged. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

Harbor Master Boat-D. MacKenzie stated he is having a difficult time getting responses from responsible parties to finalize the swap.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Shellfish Lease / Londregan Review/Approval of Lease

S. Dinsmore presented the lease for T. Londregan. The question of requiring insurance and liability was discussed. T. Londregan said his gear is covered but he is not responsible for other people's actions in his field.

The rates were questioned, the rates will go up in January 2024 to \$15.00 and increase yearly to \$25.00 as previously decided.

D. MacKenzie suggested that for new leases any depths for gear should be determined by a third party.

T. Londregan will provide updated maps. He said DEEP is supposed to check the site twice a year but he is unaware that has happened.

S. Dinsmore will update the Shellfish Management Plan to incorporate issues discussed including but not limited to requirements for insurance and to hold the town harmless.

MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to approve the Londregan lease as presented. Vote: APPROVED. In favor-Dinsmore, Landers, Allen, Mason. Opposed-MacKenzie. Abstaining-none.

B. Shellfish Management Plan:

S. Dinsmore will update the Shellfish Management Plan

C. Sign Replacement:

S. Dinsmore contacted DABA and was told they do not know what the sign requirements are.

D. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point

The members discussed the merits and cost of opening the area for shell fishing. Dinsmore stated it could be expensive and would involve discussions with Amtrak.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting with Main Street-Transient Moorings

The Main St. is still pursuing transient moorings.

7. FINAL COMMENTS:

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Sue Spang
Recording Secretary

2022 Meeting Dates:

Meetings are conducted on the third Tuesday of the month

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The meetings will start at 7:00