

EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 21, 2023  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL

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EAST LYME, CT

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

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Secretary  
Jim Allen

*Camille Miller*  
TOWN CLERK

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don MacKenzie, Jim Allen, Greg Murin, Rick Kanter  
**Members Absent:** Don Landers, Craig Mason,  
**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** Kevin Seery  
**Also Present:** Jim Spang Harbor Master, Mark Berger, Deputy Harbormaster

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: (Murin/Allen) to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Invited are the Commission members, First Selectman, Jim Spang, Harbormaster and Mark Berger, Deputy Harbormaster. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**  
6:36

The Executive Session ended at 6:56 with no action taken.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. **July 17, 2023, Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION: (Murin/Kanter) to approve the minutes as amended.**

New Business, 6, add:

**Don MacKenzie raised the issue of the unsatisfactory condition of the Black Point Beach Club Associations "SWIM AREA" marking Buoys, several of which are laying sideways in the water. Jim Allen stated that he believes that the buoys being utilized were purchased used and are way beyond their normal life expectancy. Jim Allen will raise this issue with The Black Point Beach Club Association Board of Governors and report back to the East Lyme Harbor Management & Shellfish Commission at our next meeting.**

**PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

Waterford Harbor Management Shellfish Commission Chairman, John ? **Hughes,**

**Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

4. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

Mike Theiler, inspector and mooring installer suggested the Commission revise their mooring requirements. He suggested the Giants Neck area requirements should be the same as the Bay, as the conditions are similar. The chain size for Giants Neck is too small.

Mark Berger said the chain size should be based on the mushroom or anchor size, not the size of the boat. M. Theiler agreed.

S. Dinsmore said he would form a committee to look at the minimum standards and will place it on the next agenda.

Gene Frantz, Sound Diving and Salvage, introduced himself and said he would like to be added to the approved inspector list.

Tim Londregan is also interested in getting on the approved inspector list.

Harry Plaut, 362 Shore Rd. addressed the Black Point buoy problem and said they have never had any balance.

## 5. REPORTS

### A. Treasurer:

There is no year end report. The Commission received a bill from Boats Inc. for harbormaster boat repair.

### B. Ex-Officio:

- K. Seery updated the members on the I-95/Rt. 161 construction.
- It is in Phase I and there is a lot of blasting.
- The town has entered into an agreement with Montville for officers for traffic control when needed.
- Noble Gas is open.
- Citgo is putting in new tanks.
- Beach concerts will be going on for a couple of more weeks.

### C. Harbor Master

- 230 permits have been issued.
- 56 are under review.
- 25 have not responded.
- Have placed 26 red stickers on unidentified moorings.
- The Niantic River Bridge will be closed to boat traffic from September 12 to September 14
- No lawsuit discussion

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Shellfish Management Plan

S. Dinsmore has started a flow sheet for leasing permits. The flow sheets for experimental and commercial may be separate.

### B. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point

Additional surveys are needed, it is possible for the area to open in the future.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Closure of Niantic River Train Bridge in September-previously discussed.

### B. Niantic River Watershed Committee Summit

The Niantic River Watershed Committee is holding a summit on September 12. If you wish to attend RSVP online.

### C. Condition of BPBCA Swim Area marking Buoys

On 07/27/2023 Jim Allen attended the BPBCA Board of Governors meeting and addresses the unsatisfactory condition of the Black Point Beach Club Associations "SWIM AREA" marking Buoys. The Board of Governors acknowledged the problem and formed a committee of BOG members to rectify the situation.

On 08/04/2023 Jim Allen advised Yolanda Cooley, Program Specialist, Navigation & Boating Infrastructure Unit, of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection of the facts and circumstances involving the condition BPBCA "SWIM AREA" marking Buoys.

Yolanda Cooley asked to be kept informed of the situation and notified if any assistance from CT DEEP was needed.

On 08/20/2023 Jim Allen spoke with BPBCA Manager Jim Moffett who stated that the selection

and bid process to replace all the "SWIM AREA" marking Buoys was currently ongoing.

**8. FINAL COMMENTS-none**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Murin/Kanter) to adjourn at 7:32 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