

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 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, Don Landers, Craig Mason.

**Members Absent:** Rick Kanter

**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** none

**Also Present:** Jim Spang Harbor Master,

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **September 19, 2023, Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION: (Allen/Murin) to approve the minutes as presented** **Vote: APPROVED**  
unanimously.

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3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

A. **Delegations from the public-none**

B. **Review of DEEP Pre-Submission Consults-47 Oswegatchie Hills Road**

David Presencher, Shore Design, presented the application for 47 Oswegatchie Hills Rd. The site is a manicured lawn down to the marsh. A boardwalk will be constructed over the marsh with a ramp leading down to a floating dock.

They have ACOE and the Bureau of Aquaculture permits.

The property line to the closest abutter is approximately 40 ft at the water line. The floating dock is in approximately 18 inches of water.

**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) the Commission finds the application consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

The Commission informed D. Presencher that he would have to go to WELSCO for their approval.

**REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer:**

D. Landers reported the income from the permits from Online Mooring.

S. Spang suggested the Commission charge for new/initial applications. She said Online Mooring charges for each application and typically new applications can take a lot of time on her part. Also, the Commission should check to be sure that any reimbursement from Waterford goes into their account.

**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) move to implement a fee for initial mooring applications not to exceed \$49.00. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

B. **Ex-Officio-no report**

C. **Harbor Master-status of Harbormaster boat.**

D. MacKenzie stated that after a discussion with the Waterford First Selectman, it was his understanding that the boat swap was a done deal. John Hughes, Waterford Harbor Management Commission Chairman replied that he had spoken to an attorney, and it was not a, "done deal." He said as far as he is concerned the boat will stay as a harbormaster boat. S. Dinsmore informed him the grant had expired.

J. Hughes said he does not think that the skiff would be a good fit for the Harbormaster in Waterford. D. Landers asked if the town of Waterford would be interested in buying back East Lyme's share of the boat, J. Hughes said it was a possibility.

The Commission said the current boat is not useful for their purposes.

J. Spang, Harbormaster, said the boat at the police station would be fine.

The boat will be hauled the week of November 13, 2023, and stored for the winter at the police station. He said the boat has been cranking over slowly and discussed it with D. MacKenzie.

Abandoned moorings in the river were pulled in the past week. There will be more moorings pulled in the Smith Cove and Niantic Bay.

He spoke to the past Harbormaster and was told there were two East Lyme moorings, one in the bay and one in the river. The Commission said there is only one and it was moved from the bay to the river.

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Shellfish Management Plan-no update**

**B. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point-no update**

**C. Niantic River Watershed Committee Summit-discussed at previous meeting.**

**D. Condition of BPBCA Swim Area-discussed at previous meeting**

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Review of proposed changes to Londregan Lease**

S. Dinsmore presented the changes to the Londregan Lease submitted by T. Londregan:

Page 1, ¶1, delete ~~River~~. (he has no lease in the river)

Page 2, #5, add, **which shall not be unreasonably withheld.**

Page 2, #6, add, **The Lessee shall be allowed to reduce existing limits of the lease (not expand) without prejudice.**

Page 2, #10, add **Renewal. Renewal shall be permitted as specified in the Shellfish management plan.**

The members discussed the issue of subletting.

T. Londregan said he added that to make it consistent with other town leases.

S. Dinsmore will send the change and issue of subletting to the town attorney.

## CORRESPONDANCE

Two COP's, 219 Old Black Point Rd and Giants Neck Improvement Club-beach restoration.

## 8. FINAL COMMENTS

Under new business next month, ordinance revision will be on the agenda as well as membership turnover/replacement members.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 7:53 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary