

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

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Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Jim Allen

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

Members Absent: Craig Mason.

Ex-Officio(s) Present: none

Also Present: Jim Spang Harbor Master,

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

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

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

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

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

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer:**

D. Landers discussed the financial report from the town. It was the consensus of the members to schedule a meeting with the town's finance director.

Two invoices were received:

Mike Theiler for pulled moorings, \$993.71.

Jim Spang for winter stick, \$99.96

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

C. **Harbor Master**

J. Spang, Harbor Master, reported that the harbor master boat was pulled and winterized. The boat will be towed to the police station.

Yolanda Cooley, from DEEP contacted him concerning the complaints about boats going too fast around the bridges. He discussed putting signs on the railroad bridge and traffic bridge. J. Spang has spoken to the Waterford Harbor Master, and he is in agreement. J. Spang will reach out to DEEP for the signs.

The winter stick is in place for the town's mooring.

There has been a total of 11 abandoned moorings pulled.

The Commission agreed that the late fee should be \$75.00 as the ordinance states it should be twice the amount of permit fee.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

C. **Review of proposed changes to Londregan Lease-input from Town Attorney**

S. Dinsmore sent a copy of the lease to Attorney Zamarka and was told the lease comports with the Shellfish Management Plan.

The members reminded S. Dinsmore that they discussed taking out the ability of the lease holder subletting his lease. They agreed that the language would allow subletting with the permission of the lessor (the town).

S. Dinsmore will redo the language and get it to T. Londregan to sign.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of proposed changes to Londregan Lease-discussed

B. Supplementary compensation for Mooring Management Team

MOTION: (Kanter/Murin) add executive session to discuss personnel issues as item 7A.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously.

C. Commission Transition Discussion

Four of the members terms are up and have given notice that they will be leaving in the next two months. S. Dinsmore noted the four members represent over 80 years of history and knowledge on the Commission.

G. Murin and D. MacKenzie will be leaving in December.

S. Dinsmore said he would stay one more year to see the transition through. D. Landers also said he would stay one more year or until they found more members.

S. Dinsmore urged members to look for new members for the Commission.

D. Meeting Dates for 2024

The dates will be presented at the December meeting.

7. FINAL COMMENTS-none

A. Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

MOTION: (Allen/Murin) to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Present-Dinsmore, Allen, Murin, Kanter, MacKenzie and Landers.

Vote: APPROVED unanimously (8:05)

The members came out of executive session at 8:50 with no action taken.

MOTION: (MacKenzie/Kanter) upon the approval of the East Lyme Town Attorney, the ELHMSC will provide a stipend of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to ELHMSC Staff to be divided accordingly:

Harbor Master James R. Spang two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00)

Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

ELHMSC Recording Secretary Sue Spang five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Vote: APPROVED unanimously. 8:55 PM.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary