

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 19, 2023  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Jim Allen

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don MacKenzie, Greg Murin, Don Landers, Rick Landers  
**Members Absent:** Jim Allen, Craig Mason.  
**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** Jason Deeble  
**Also Present:** Jim Spang Harbor Master, Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **November 21, 2023, Regular Meeting:**  
**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**C. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

**A. Delegations from the public**

Susan Gonzales introduced herself. She was asked by D. Landers to consider joining the ELHMSC. She is on the Niantic River Watershed Committee.

Hull Manwaring was introduced by S. Dinsmore. H. Manwaring would like to be on the Commission.

**4. REPORTS**

**A. Treasurer:**

D. Landers discussed the financial report from the town. He and S. Dinsmore met with K. Gervais, Finance Director, to get a better understanding of the finances. The Commission has approximately \$6000 in its account at the end of 2022 and approximately \$12,000 at the end of 2023.

He received an invoice for \$2532.95 for boat repairs and maintenance from Boats Inc., which will be split with Waterford. There was a bill for a \$500 for legal fees.

**B. Ex-Officio**

J. Deeble said the BOS has been appointed several people to Boards and Commissions.

**C. Harbor Master**

J. Spang, Harbor Master, reported on the speed limit signs for the Niantic River and showed the members what they would look like. He said that DEEP had previously approved signs for the Pattagansett River and he provided a map to show the locations. The signs for the Pattagansett River should be put on buoys. Mike Theiler suggested pyramid buoys and gave a quote for 75 lb. buoys and gear at \$875. M. Berger and J. Spang agreed that only 50 lb. buoys would be needed.

The cost of the signs for the Niantic River will be shared with Waterford. The Waterford Harbor Master agrees with the placement of the signs and the enforcement.

**MOTION:(Landers/Murin) to authorize the Harbor Master to purchase signs for the Niantic River and the Pattagansett River to improve the safety of the waterways. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

M. Berger suggested raising the mooring fee to \$99 to better cover expenses of the Commission. He also suggested requiring mooring owners to have insurance and naming the

Town of East Lyme as an additional insured. Other towns will be researched to see if they have insurance requirements.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Shellfish Management Plan**

S. Dinsmore spoke to Alissa Dragon and was told that DEEP would be willing to open the entire bay for recreational and commercial shell fishing.

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

S. Dinsmore will reach out for someone to test in the Pattagansett area for possible shell fishing in that area.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Supplementary compensation for Mooring Management Team**

S. Dinsmore has reached out to the town attorney for an opinion on the legality of the supplementary compensation, he has not heard back.

**B. Commission Transition Discussion**

Discussed earlier.

**C. Meeting Dates for 2024**

**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**D. Election of Officers**

**Nominations for Secretary called for three times.**

Dinsmore/Landers nominated J. Allen as Secretary.

J. Allen as Secretary, unanimous.

**Nominations for Chairman called for three times.**

Landers/Murin nominated S. Dinsmore for Chairman.

S. Dinsmore as Chairman, unanimous.

**Nominations for Treasurer called for three times.**

Murin/Kanter nominated D. Landers for Treasurer

D. Landers as Treasurer, unanimous.

**E. Priorities for upcoming year**

S. Dinsmore said his priorities for 2024 are working with Londregan to get the lease signed, shellfish management plan update with leasing process added.

**7. FINAL COMMENTS**

Correspondence-COP for 20 Atlantic Ave for seawall repair. H. Manwaring submitted a letter of interest to be on the Commission.

S. Dinsmore thanked Greg Murin for his 25 years of service to the Commission. He also thanked Don MacKenzie for his service and getting the Online Mooring service.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 7:57 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

2024 Meeting Dates: January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17.