

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

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Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

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Secretary  
Jim Allen

*Carroll Hill*  
MEMBER CLERK

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Rick Kanter, Jim Allen, Craig  
**Members Absent:** Hull Manwaring  
**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** Jason Deeble  
**Also Present:** Jim Spang Harbor Master

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. **December 19, 2023, Regular Meeting:**  
**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

A. **Delegations from the public**

B. **Docko Application-Chris Manwaring**

Keith Nielson, Docko, presented an application for Chris Manwaring, Old Black Point Rd. The plan calls for a crossing of approximately 200ft of marsh. There will be a walkway across the marsh. It will be 2' wide, 2' above the marsh sediments. The posts will be augured, 5' apart with cross beams across the posts. The grading will be either galvanized steel or fiber glass. His preference is the fiber glass as it does not rust, and the fiberglass can be in colors and would be easier to see at night. The walkway will have a single rail, but the drawings show two, it depends on the preference of DEEP. At the end of the walkway is a general permit dock. At the end of the walkway will be a pier 10-12' long with a 24' ramp landing on a 30 sq ft landing float with a 100 sq ft floating dock for boating access. There are tie up pilings around the floating dock. The plans include a solar pack and battery to allow for operation of a boat lift. Utilities will be strung to the underside of the walkway, both electric and possibly water.

Construction will be in the winter so there will be no osprey nest disturbance. The owner has a couple of small boats and a 24' motorboat.

**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to accept the Manwaring proposal with a preference for the fiberglass grading. Vote: APPROVED unanimous. S. Dinsmore signed the document.**

4. **REPORTS**

C. **Treasurer:**

D. Landers emailed K. Gervais, Finance Director, for a budget report but has not received it due to the holiday. The Commission received a check from Online Mooring for \$6,654.81 and a check from T. Londregan for a lease fee of \$945.00. He received an invoice for Harbormaster mooring stickers in the amount of \$612.50.

D. **Ex-Officio**

J. Deeble said the BOS has been discussing budgets and revisions to the police bylaws.

E. **Harbormaster**

J. Spang, Harbormaster, reported there have been 192 renewals, 94 still need to renew. There have been 48 cancelations over the past year which allowed all people on the wait list to get a spot. R. Kanter asked if the Harbormaster could try to stay away from issuing permit spots

where there is eel grass. J. Spang said he spoke to the Harbormaster from Waterford and New London and was told neither town requires insurance from mooring holders. The signage for the Niantic River bridge/speed limit is still waiting on a letter from Amtrak. DEEP has combined the Niantic River and Pattagansett River into one permit. There are boats registered out of state which the Commission discussed and thought there was a law stating that boats had to be registered in CT.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

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

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

S. Dinsmore said he spoke to the Shellfish Warden, and he will not go around Black Point during the winter months to the Pattagansett River due to rough conditions. They will discuss further opening the area.

**C. Vacant Commission Seat**

H. Manwaring was appointed and sworn in. R. Kanter was reappointed.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

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

S. Dinsmore has heard from the town attorney that the commission can compensate the Harbormaster, Deputy Harbormaster and Online Mooring Administrator.

**MOTION: (Landers/Kanter) to compensate mooring team using the Commissions special revenue fund in the amounts of \$2,000 for Harbormaster, \$500 for Deputy Harbormaster and \$500 for the Online Mooring Administrator. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**7. FINAL COMMENTS**

R. Kanter attending the gathering of Shellfish Commissions. He said the main topic of conversation was the inability of Commissions to have their comments considered by DEEP on COP's. He also informed them about towns down the shore using oyster shells for seeding of oysters. At this point there is no incentive for towns on this end of the state to use the shells.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Murin) to adjourn at 7:51 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

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