

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2024
EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Jim Allen



Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers Jim Allen, Hull Manwaring, Craig Mason.

Members Absent: Rick Kanter,

Ex-Officio(s) Present: Jason Deeble

Also Present: Jim Spang Harbor Master, Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. **March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting:**

MOTION: (Allen/Mason) to approve the minutes as presented. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.
3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**
 - A. **Delegations from the public-none**
4. **REPORTS**
 - A. **Treasurer:**

D. Landers reported that an invoice from Boats Inc. for \$3476.77 was submitted for winterizing and repairs. This will be split with Waterford. He passed around a printout of the budget which shows 69% has been spent.
 - B. **Ex-Officio**

J. Deeble said there will be a public hearing and town meeting followed by a referendum for the town budget. He also reported that the small meeting room Harbor Management meets in may be getting an upgrade with video and televising capabilities.
 - C. **Harbormaster**
 - J. Spang, Harbormaster, reported that 93% of renewals have been submitted.
 - Approximately 100 people still need inspections.
 - Boats Inc painted, repaired, and did winter maintenance on the boat.
 - DEEP has approved the no wake signs for Pattagansett River and a purchase request has been submitted to the town for the signs.
 - Two sets of gear will need to be purchased at a cost of \$1400 apiece.
 - The sign for Amtrack bridge over Niantic River will be placed by Amtrak. The sign for the car bridge will be placed by the towns.

J. Spang asked the Commission if moorings can be placed on Pattagansett River, north of the railroad tracks. It was the consensus of the members that no moorings be placed north of the railroad bridge as it was not suitable for moorings and would impede the very narrow channel. The issue of homeowners placing moorings close to the shore and the need for a permit was discussed. The Commission said that if it is anchoring a boat in the water, a permit is required. M. Berger brought up the issue of permit holders required to add the Town of East Lyme as, "additional insured." S. Dinsmore said he would ask surrounding towns what they do.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP Grants)

S. Dinsmore said he reached out to G. Goeschel and Docko for information about the dingy dock but had not received a response. S. Spang said she would reach out to Docko.

B. Shellfish Management Plan-S. Dinsmore said there is no current shellfish MOU for the bay which is unrestricted except for area "F" which is by the yacht club.

C. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point

No discussion

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission received a COP and had no comment.

8. FINAL COMMENTS-none

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 7:44 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

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