

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 17, 2024**  
**EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

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Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary  
Jim Allen

  
TOWN CLERK

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Hull Manwaring, Jim Allen, Ron Johnson

**Members Absent:** Rick Kanter, Craig Mason

**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. **May 21, 2024, Regular Meeting:**

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

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS**

A. **Delegations from the public**

Keith Neilson, Docko, expressed difficulty with the Online Mooring System.

The members spoke to K. Neilson concerning possible locations for a dingy dock

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Treasurer:**

D. Landers reported on the balance and expenses report from the Finance Office.

B. **Ex-Officio:**

J. Deeble reported on the presentation from the Yale Charette group regarding downtown Niantic. He said the opportunities for the previous police station currently owned by N. E. Utilities is very exciting and could be the cultural core and access point for downtown activities including connections to the, "Hole in the Wall" and possible fishing pier. He cautioned that these were ideas and funding was another issue.

The Short-Term Rental Committee presented their report to the BOS and any decision is on hold until a court case gets resolved.

The BOS appointed Julie Wilson to the Emergency Management Director position.

C. **Harbormaster**

J. Spang, Harbormaster, reported:

- 95% of renewals have been submitted.
- The no wake buoys have been placed in the Pattagansett River
- The sign on the Amtrak bridge has been installed.
- A new application for installer was submitted
- There are unauthorized moorings in Smith Cove which will get a red sticker.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP Grants)**

Previously discussed with K. Neilson

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

**C. Expanding Open Areas to West side of Black Point**-no report

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

The members welcomed the previous Harbor Master as a new member of the Commission. There were two other people who submitted letters of interest to the First Selectman, and they will be put on hold for the future.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

S. Dinsmore said he receive a communication from the Chairman of the Waterford Harbor Management Commission interested in having a joint meeting to determine any common interests.

A Certificate of Permission for 219 Old Black Point Rd was received.

**8. FINAL COMMENTS**-none

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary

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