

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2025**  
**EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

Chairman  
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer  
Hull Manwaring

Secretary  
Jim Allen

**Members Present:** Steve Dinsmore, Don Landers, Craig Mason, Jim Allen, Ron Johnson, Susan Gonzalez

**Members Absent:** Hull Manwaring

**Ex-Officio(s) Present:** Jason Deeble

**Also Present:** Jim Spang Harbor Master

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. August 18, 2025, Regular Meeting:**

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

**2. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS-none**

**3. REPORTS**

**A. Treasurer-no report**

**B. Ex-Officio:**

J. Deeble reported the BOS instituted a moratorium on sewer allocations until they can determine the capacity or possible expansion.

The new police chief was installed.

They created new shift captains for the fire departments, replacing the deputy chief position.

The new positions will have a stipend.

The BOS is looking at the existing dock leases in the Niantic River.

The Town will be receiving 3000-4000 dollars a month from cannabis sales which will be used for mental health and addiction services.

**C. Harbor Master:**

J. Spang said the DPW repaired the boat trailer, replacing the breaks and springs. The cost for parts is \$1936.00 to be split with Waterford.

Mike Theiler will be pulling an abandoned mooring in the bay.

Next month the 2026 stickers will be ordered.

The, "no wake" buoys will be pulled from the Pattagansett River

Steve Albert still wants the Harbormaster position and is ready to start January 1, 2026.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Shellfish Area Signage-no report**

**B. River Aquaculture determination-no report**

**C. Fishing line Disposal Units**

S. Dinsmore noticed a trash can at Cini Park which seems to discourage people putting trash in the fishing line disposal units.

**D. West Black Point Shellfish Area**

S. Dinsmore said that Paul Grady is coordinating with Alyssa Dragon for training and providing water treatment samples to determine if the area is suitable for shellfishing.

**E. Small Harbor Improvement Projects Program (SHIPP Grant)**

J. Allen said that Black Point is still moving ahead with their plans for a grant. They are ready to move if approved and have applied for required permits. He spoke to Fayola Haynes, Finance Director of CT Port Authority and she stated there has been no change as to when or if the SHIPP Grants will be funded/released.

C. Mason said he will get an estimate for a feasibility study for dingy dock and transient dock.

**F. Review of Mooring Fees**

**MOTION: (Mason/Johnson) to increase the mooring fee from \$75.00 to \$100.00. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**MOTION: (Allen/Mason) to charge a fee of \$25.00 for initial application. Vote: APPROVED unanimously.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Requirement of Insurance for moorings**

S. Dinsmore will reach out to area towns to see who requires insurance.

**B. Shellfish Permits**

WELSCO keeps the fees for shellfish permits.

D. Landers mentioned an email about increasing shellfishing permits. S. Dinsmore said he would investigate if there are regulations permitting, "zoning" of waters for recreation or aquaculture.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Coastal Permit Application for MBL 08.3-1 Old Black Point Road**

There were no comments

**7. FINAL COMMENTS-none**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted  
Sue Spang  
Recording Secretary

2025 Meeting Dates:  
October 21, November 18, December 16