

**EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT & SHELLFISH COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

**EAST LYME TOWN HALL**

**Chair:** Stephen Dinsmore

**Treasurer:** Hull Manwaring

**Secretary:** Jim Allen

**Members Present:** Stephen Dinsmore, Ron Johnson, Don Landers, Jim Allen, Susan Gonzalez, Hull Manwaring

**Members Absent:** Craig Mason

**Ex-Officio Present:** Jason Deeble

**Also Present:** Jim Spang, Harbormaster

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Craig Manwaring  
TOWN CLERK

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

S Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:00

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. October 21, 2025 Regular Minutes**

Under Communications "Town Clerk" is listed as "Twon Clerk." This needs to be amended.

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

**3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS - none**

**4. REPORTS**

**a. Treasurer**

Boats Inc. issue is resolving. There was some confusion about the amount of money available to the commission. S. Dinsmore will send an email to K. Gervais to straighten it out.

**b. Ex-Officio**

J, Deeble reported that the Board of Selectmen discussed automatic speeding ticket machines and a cell tower behind Smokey O'Grady's. The Board of

Education representatives came before the Board to inform them that the State has denied some funding. Also, the election may cause shifts in Ex-Officio assignments.

**c. Harbormaster**

J. Spang reported that a new harbormaster took a 6 hour online training session. There is a red sailboat out by the yacht club. The harbormaster has tried to reach out to the owner by email and phone call to find out what his intention is for the board during the winter. There was some discussion about a size limit for boats coming into Giants Neck. 32'? The water is too shallow to support bigger boats.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **Shellfish Area Signage** - no report
- b. **Fishing Line Disposal Units** -no report
- c. **West Black Point Shellfishing Areas** - no report
- d. **SHIPP Proposal** - no report
- e. **Requirement of Insurance for Moorings**

R. Johnson reported that there are 41 harbormasters around the state. He spoke to 18 to ask if they required insurance for moorings. Of those 18, 15 said no, 3 said yes. A discussion commenced about whether commissioners thought it appropriate to ask boaters with moorings to carry insurance. Commissioners were unanimous in their belief that have boaters carry insurance as a condition to acquire a mooring could help save the town money in the event of an externality (storm, broken chain, etc.). Next step is to put it on the agenda for the December meeting. A memo of Ron's findings and a recommendation from the commission has gone to First Selectman Dan Cunningham. Jason will also speak to the Board of Selectmen about the next steps.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Calendar of Meetings for 2026**

Dates for 2026 were listed as following. 1/20, 2/17, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/17, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15.

**MOTION Vote: (Landers/Gonzalez) Approved Unanimously**

- b. **Election of Officers** - tabled
- c. **Recording Secretary** - A new recording secretary, Brooke has agreed to work with the commission. Sue Spang will not be available since she has been elected First Selectperson for the Town of Salem. Jason Deeble recorded minutes for this meeting.

**d. 2026 Tasks**

A list of tasks for next year was distributed to members for their consideration. No action was suggested or taken.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS** - none

**8. FINAL COMMENTS** - none

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: (Landers/Allen) to adjourn at 7:50**

