



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Joseph L. Hitchery

Not official until approved by the Commission at its next regular meeting

December 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dinsmore; Barbara Johnston; Donald Landers; Joseph Hitchery and Rick Kanter

Absent: William Mountzoures and Greg Murin

Ex officios Present:- Marc Berger Deputy Harbor Master.

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B. D. Hitchery ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Others Present: Peter Harris, WELSCO Chairman, Jaxson Vibber, Michael Theiler, Marie Leone, Timothy Londregan, III, Christian Wilson, Alex Sutherland, Eli Doggart, Andy Dezjot, and Mingfei Duan

1. Call to Order. Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2014

The following correction was noted: Mr. Seery's name was misspelled.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to approve the November 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Johnston (5-0).

3. Public Delegation – Mr. Vibber resubmitted a bill for hauling a boat on June 11.

4. Old Business.

A. Mooring Permits. There was no discussion on mooring permits.

B. Harbor Management Plan - Reports from subcommittees. Mr. Hitchery reported that - Mr. Steadman informed him he had not yet received word from the State on the chapters he submitted. Mr. Hitchery and Mr. Steadman plan to meet prior to the January meeting of this Commission.

5. New Business.

A. Review of Timothy Londregan's Proposal. Mr. Londregan presented his plan and reported he would like to develop a Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm. Its primary crop would be oysters and sea and bay scallops. In five years he would like to apply for a hatchery. He will submit a formal application at next months meeting and the commission will move to public hearing if the application is complete.

B. Rain Gauge Lease for 2015. The rain gauge has been set up and sending out data. Mr. Harris stated he has been receiving email notices. USGS has sent out notices when rainfall reaches 1". This gives a weather report every morning. The question was asked can it be programmed to send out notices when rainfall reaches 1"? Mr. Dinsmore felt this Commission needs to decide whether or not to renew the USGS lease. It

was felt we do not have enough information on the new gauge. Mr. Landers stated Ledge Light manages notifications on opening and closing. Mr. Harris spoke to David Carey regarding the rain gauge. He stated it was accurate and representative of the area. Mr. Dinsmore asked can it identify a 1" rain event? Mr. Harris replied if it goes past reset storm it should be able to. Ms. Johnston felt it is working well. Mr. Landers stated historical data will also be available. Mr. Landers felt it was good for storm run off. Mr. Dinsmore felt we need to make sure everything is recording and that Ledge Light is satisfied with it. Mr. Harris agreed to have discussion with George Calkins and Steve Mansfield.

C. Election of Officers. Mr. Landers asked for nominations for Chairman of the East Lyme Harbor Management /Shellfish Commission for 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to nominate Steve Dinsmore as Chairman of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015. Seconded by Ms. Johnston.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to close nominations for Chairman. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Dinsmore was unanimously elected Chairman of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015.

Mr. Landers asked for nominations for Secretary of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission.

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to nominate Joseph Hitchery as Secretary of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015. Seconded by Mr. Landers.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to close nominations for Secretary of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission. Mr. Hitchery was unanimously elected Secretary of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015.

The Commission was asked for nominations for Treasurer of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Dinsmore moved to nominate Don Landers as Treasurer of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015. Seconded by Ms. Johnston.

There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Dinsmore moved to close nominations for Secretary of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission. Mr. Landers was unanimously elected Treasurer of the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2015.

D. Approval of meeting dates for 2015. The Commission reviewed the proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2015.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to approve the 2015 Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission schedule of meeting dates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0).

E. Correspondence.

1. Memo dated November 19, 2014 from the Town Clerk regarding appointments to the Commission.

6. Reports

A. Warden. In the absence of the warden, Mr. Landers reported Area B was closed for shellfishing.

B. Harbor Master. Deputy Harbor Master Mr. Berger reported that certain moorings will be pulled in the spring.

C. Treasurer's Report. Mr. Landers reported he received a bill from Fishers Island Sound in the amount of \$95 and a bill from the Recording Secretary for two hours for the September meeting. There were no objections to the Treasurer's Report, and it was accepted as presented.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Seery was unable to be present and there was no report.

7. Final Comments. Mr. Hitchery was in opposition to the U. S. Army Camp Niantic's plan to establish a shoreline force protection exclusion zone that will run parallel with the shoreline of Camp Niantic and suggested that this Commission correspond with them.

Mr. Kanter felt that was a very popular shellfishing area. Mr. Landers added it is at the edge of the property. Mr. Harris asked for Camp Niantic to review and edit their proposal.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. Motion carried. (5-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary