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**TOWN OF EAST LYME**  
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman  
**Stephen Dinsmore**

Treasurer  
**Donald F. Landers Jr.**

Secretary  
**Joseph L. Hitchery**

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January 20, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dinsmore; Barbara Johnston; Joseph Hitchery; William Mountzoures; and Rick Kanter

Commissioners Absent: Donald Landers; and Greg Murin

Ex Officios Present: Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger; Harbor Master Dick Morris; and Selectman Marc Salerno

Others Present: First Selectman Mark Nickerson; Chris Taylor; and Timothy Londregan III

**1. Call to Order.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2014.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Kanter moved to approve the December 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (3-0-1)**

**3. Public Delegations**

Chris Taylor distributed information regarding the rain gauge, which he had set up for Dick Morris. It runs through Weather Link via the East Lyme Harbor Master. He discussed how the information could be accessed through the site, as well as the site's links to Weather Underground. An explanation was given regarding the current setup of the alert, once there is 1" of rain in 24 hours, calculated from the beginning of the rainfall.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the rain gauge should measure the rain per 24 hours, or per storm, as well as DEEP's thoughts about the alert system currently in place. Chris Taylor assured the Commission that if they desired a different calculation, he could adapt the software accordingly in order to accommodate their needs.

**4. Reports**

A. Shellfish. Commissioner Kanter says that the river is open. People are out clamming. He notes that WELSCO has a draft MOU with the Connecticut Military Department to allow access to shellfish activities in the exclusionary zone in front of Camp Niantic. Apparently, people are allowed to kayak and swim in that area, although that may change in the future.

Commissioner Johnston addresses the HMSC website, as well as the hotline, and suggests that the

public be put on notice that everybody uses the hotline, not just East Lyme.

B. Harbor Master.

- I. Mr. Morris notes that the Niantic Bay Yacht Club will be hosting a regatta. He asks permission of the Commission to allow the addition of 25 temporary moorings, during the couple of weeks that the regatta will be held, south of the breakwater at the Yacht Club. He adds that Jaxson Vibber will be putting them in, and all of the moorings will be photographed and documented.

**MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve Mr. Morris' request for 24 moorings for the Ensign National Regatta, which would be monitored and maintained by Mr. Morris, at his discretion, during the time period necessary, at no fee for the moorings. This was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Commissioner Johnston brought up the issue of charging a fee for the moorings during the regatta, and stated that she didn't believe it would be appropriate to charge one.

- II. Mr. Morris spoke with Lee Deer of Three Belles Marina a couple of weeks ago, and has requested that he be on the agenda for the next meeting. He brought up the issue of a 3-ring binder being located that had all the mooring information that the Commission was seeking, and that this binder could be presented at the next meeting.

C. Treasurer. On behalf of Commissioner Landers, Commissioner Hitchery stated that he has a few invoices on-hand. One is for the Recording Secretary's hours for the months of November/December. Another is for the Rain Gauge, from Davis Instruments Corporation to Chris Taylor, for software purchased. Apparently, that is already being paid, as per Mr. Morris. The final invoice was for Amy Tinker for warden hours, for a total of \$93.75, for the months of November/December.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Salerno spoke about his experience and how he's looking forward to participating in the Commission. Mr. Nickerson commended the Commission on their good work, and distributed town seals.

## 5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan - Update. Chairman Dinsmore stated his intentions to get in touch with Geoff Steadman, as he has not yet received the first three sections of the plan. Commissioner Hitchery will meet with Mr. Steadman on Thursday to review the first draft of the Ordinance revision.

B. Review of Timothy Londregan's Lease Proposal. The Commission reviewed Mr. Londregan's lease proposal and application fee, which had been submitted during the prior meeting. A question arose regarding the accuracy of the coordinates, to which Mr. Londregan said he was

actively researching to ensure that all the information contained in his proposal was correct. He is currently communicating with DABA on the issue.

C. Rain Gauge Discussion. As discussed earlier in the meeting, the only concern about the rain gauge was the accuracy of its reporting of data. Chairman Dinsmore suggested that the Commission approve the usage of the gauge, pending confirmation that adequate reporting can be received, and that it will meet the requirements for DABA.

**MOTION: Commissioner Kanter moved to approve the usage of the new rain gauge at EL Emergency Management, contingent upon clarification of the 1" storm total/24-hour period question. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Commissioner Johnston questioned whether the Commission still owed USGS money, and Commissioner Kanter replied that if action isn't taken to employ this new rain gauge, the Commission will owe USGS for 2015, but currently there is nothing owed. Chairman Dinsmore educated the Commission on the need for accurate data from the rain gauge.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Correspondence.**

- I. Dan Adams, 239 Old Black Point Road, DEEP Permit Consultation Form and a Shellfish Consultation Form. This is in regards to putting in a 139' fixed dock.

**MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to table both of the applications for 239 Old Black Point until the next meeting, for further review. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (2-1-1)**

- II. Victor Dowling, 295 Old Black Point Road, DEEP Permit Consultation Form. This is in regards to putting in a boat lift.

**MOTION: Commissioner Kanter moved to find the boat lift on the Dowling dock consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to table the application for 295 Old Black Point until the next meeting, in order to have time to refer to what the Commission's comments were back in 2010/2011. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (3-1-0)**

- III. On Saturday, January 31, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., is the 11th gathering of the Shellfish Commissions at the Sound School Library in New Haven. Registration is \$30.

## **7. Final Comments.**

Commissioner Johnston is pleased that the Port Authority is concerned with small harbors, and is

proud to have Mr. Steadman as a member of the Connecticut Port Authority Working Group, and would like to commend him for his work thus far in assisting the Commission.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commissioner Mountzoures moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Johnston. The motion carried. (5-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary