



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

October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Stephen Dinsmore; Barbara Johnston; Donald Landers; Joseph Hitchery; William Mountzoures; Greg Murin; and Rick Kanter

Ex Officios Present: Marc Berger; Dick Morris; and Kevin Seary

Others Present: Jaxson Vibber and Keith Neilson

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09/24/2014 AT 10:45 AM/PM
Kathleen Falbo, Jr.
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order. Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2014

MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to approve the September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures.

Discussion took place regarding the Minutes, prompted by both Commissioner Johnston and Commissioner Hitchery. Topics included not voting on the Treasurer's report and the Harbor Master's report. Several things were incorrect on the Minutes, beginning with the fact that 3 Belles marks moorings, not boats. Also, the 25 moorings mentioned have nothing to do with the Federal Government. They would like that sentence eliminated from the Minutes.

Another correction is that the two moorings belong to, and have been paid by Toby Russ, and not 3 Belles. Chairman Dinsmore suggests eliminating that sentence altogether, and Commissioner Hitchery agrees. Commissioner Hitchery also states that the sentence regarding 3 Black Point Road is nonsensical. Commissioner Dinsmore suggest "Mr. Berger stated that the mooring off of 3 Black Point Road had nothing on it". And finally, in old business, it should be clarified that Mr. Dinsmore agreed to contact Mr. Steadman about the Harbor Management Plan. In terms of the final comments, Grand Street should be corrected to Cini Park.

Motion to approve Minutes, as amended, carried. (5-0-2)

3. Public Delegation

TJ Landrigan (?), a local resident of New London, requested information on how he could propose his business plan at the next meeting. He is proposing Type II aquiculture, and is very familiar with all the forms in the application process. The location he is considering to farm would be off of Black Point, specifically Areas E and F, Lease Number 7. His approximate timeframe would be five years, starting off on a very small scale. He has no LLC at this time.

Jaxson Vibber raised two topics: scuba inspections and Fall 2014 inspections. Regarding the scuba

inspections, much discussion was had regarding who would be considered a qualified individual to perform the inspection, as well as the steps one would take to get permission to do a scuba inspection. Chairman Dinsmore suggests further discussion next month on this topic, and that it should be articulated in the Harbor Management Plan.

Chairman Dinsmore addresses the CT DEEP Form 101E in re: Dock Reconstruction at 5 North Main Street in Pine Grove received from Docko, Inc.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to move the CT DEEP Form 101E to new business. It was seconded by Commissioner Landers. The motion carried. (7-0-0).

Keith Neilson then made a presentation regarding the proposed dock reconstruction. Currently there hasn't been any objection from any state or federal agencies, in terms of this proposal. Commissioner Hitchery posed a question regarding the Residential Guidelines under DEEP, to which Mr. Nielson responded that DEEP will leave the dock in the same exact preapproved location, since it preceded the 1995 grandfather date and the current law.

MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to find the proposal consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. It was seconded by Commissioner Murin. The motion carried. (6-0-1).

4. Reports

A. Shellfish. Commissioner Kanter says that the river and the bay are closed, due to the 1.2 to 2 inches of rain received last week. There are not a lot of scallops, and it probably won't be a great season for them. He also received a call from Brier Patch Shellfish. He discussed a meeting at the Noank Aquaculture Cooperative that he attended, as well as Commissioner Johnston. The takeaway he received from the meeting is that commercial growers are not happy with DABA.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Morris attended a meeting last night, discussing a grant received from Homeland Security that will enable them to have 12 modulars. These would enable Harbor Masters and Deputies to participate in training that would allow them to receive certificates and RFID tags. The training would begin mid-January 2015 in Region 4, followed by Region 2 and Fairfield County.

Mr. Morris advised the Commissioners that Chief Pendleton agreed to the terms of the Harbor Master boat being stored at Port Niantic, although he is unsure if the Commission will have to share half the bill for the storage.

Mr. Morris also reports that he is still receiving mooring information, and that he is down to about 4 moorings that may still have to be removed. But he will know more by the end of the week.

Mr. Morris continued on to note that there is an individual that wants to put a yawl up in the river. He has advised that individual to hold off until an adequate location was identified for his 40-foot boat. He suggested allowing the individual to put his boat around Marker 7, along the Cini Park area, up close to the river channel.

Mr. Morris requests authorization for the Commission to fund the rain gauge. Commissioner Landers reiterated that he granted the authorization at the previous meeting, on September 16, and that Mr. Morris

needs to provide the Minutes from that meeting to Anne.

C. Treasurer. Commissioner Landers stated that, as it stands, as of early this week, the Commission has only spent 6% of their allocated \$14,650, with \$13,719 available. There are two invoices available: (1) Save the River, Save the Hills for \$3,000, corresponding to the annual contribution (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015); and (2) Operation of Rain Gauge for \$1,750, which is only a half-payment.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Seary advises that the work on the boardwalk continues, and that they're not going to be able to pour the cement before the cold weather sets in. They hope to open the boardwalk by Memorial Day 2015, but it depends on the spring weather.

Mr. Seary also discusses the wetlands Cease and Desist Order, which calls for a solar farm to keep out the sediment. There has been some remediation done, but the job is not complete. The private properties need permission, and the town has very limited ability to correct the problem.

Mr. Seary also reports on a grant for a Joint Land Use Survey with the National Guard.

Commissioner Kanter states that the Camp Niantic seawall is going to start being erected next week, and that work will progress until April 2015.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. Commissioner Hitchery distributed the reviewed documents (second draft). He indicated that Sections 1 through 3 will be available next week, as they are more descriptive than critical. Mr. Steadman will meet next Tuesday with the DEEP Representative, and major changes are not foreseen to be made to the proposed Plan. DEEP has 60 days to send out/receive back comments to their pertinent agencies.

A special meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 10th, 2014 at 7:00 to review the draft with Geoff Steadman.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence. Chairman Dinsmore met with Mr. Formica to discuss Police Boat disposition, and that the Commission could share the Police Boat with the Fire Department, in pressing needs. Mr. Formica has yet to respond.

Chairman Dinsmore also discussed a grant that has been put in regarding transient docks, and subsequently turned down. He went on to state that he attended a Harbor Management meeting a week ago, and alerted the Commission that the annual meeting will take place in December 2014. Once he receives the specifics on the meeting, he will relay them to the Commission.

7. Final Comments.

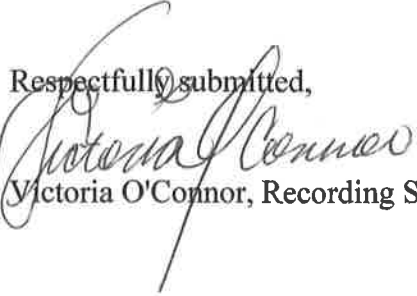
Commissioner Kanter questions whether 3 Belles has received a mooring permit from all the necessary agencies.

Commissioner Landers advises that there will be a new regulation effective December 14, 2014, wherein all commercial vessels less than 75 feet have to have a small vessel general permit to discharge overboard, as per the EPA.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Mountzoures moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Landers. The motion carried. (7-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,


Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary