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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Steven Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2013

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Chairman
Don Landers
Rick Kanter
Bill Mountzoures
Joe Hitchery

Also Present: Kevin Seery, Ex officio
Richard Morris, Harbor Master
Peter Harris, WELSCO Chairman
Linda Brunza, Environmental Office of the Military Department
Rob Dollak, Environmental Office of the Military Department

Members Absent: Greg Murin
Barbara Johnston, Secretary

1. Call to Order. The December 17, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairman Steven Dinsmore.

2. Approval of Minutes of October 15, 2013. Mr. Dinsmore asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the October 15, 2013 Minutes of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission.

MOTION: Don Landers moved to approve the October 15, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by William Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

3. Public Delegation. Ms. Brunza reported the Environmental Office of the Military Department wishes to do work at Camp Niantic to repair damage during Hurricane Sandy. The only section permitted by DEEP is rip rap. Army Corps has given its approval.

Mr. Dinsmore circulated its permit to Commission members. Mr. Landers asked if they were trying to block the wall with rock. Ms. Brunza replied unless we get funds to replace the wall, we are requesting this temporary work. She showed Commission members where the rip wrap would be placed.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to find that the placement of rip



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rap along the permanent wall at Camp Niantic is consistent with our Harbor Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. (5-0) Unanimous.

4. Reports.

A. Shellfish. Mr. Kanter introduced Peter Harris, the new Chairman of WELSCO. He reported there is not much activity in the river because of inclement weather. Prior to the bad weather there was much activity.

Mr. Landers reported the Annual Gathering of shellfish commissions will be held on January 11, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in New Hampshire.

Mr. Kanter informed the Commission that WELSCO will meet on Thursday December 19 at Waterford Town Hall.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Morris was congratulated on his appointment as Harbor Master for two years.

Mr. Morris is preparing to send out 270 renewal applications. Seventy require inspections in 2014.

C. Treasurer. Commission members reviewed the draft 2014/15 proposed Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Operating Budget in the amount of \$14,650. Mr. Landers reported we have used 28% of our 2013/14 Operating Budget.

We have received a bill from the Recording Secretary for 4 1/3 hours of secretarial work for this Commission, Invoice 345, dated November 18, 2013 from WELSCO for October patrolling hours in the amount of \$6.25; Invoice 344 from WELSCO for the September warden patrol hours in the amount of \$12.50; Reimbursement to Mr. Hitchery for Invoice 170896 dated October 14, 2013 from Newton Manufacturing Co. for decals in the amount of \$524.59; and reimbursement to Mr. Hitchery for Invoice 100882, dated April 16, 2013 for East Lyme Harbor Master Patch in the amount of \$174.41.

MOTION: Mr. Kanter moved to approve the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission proposed budget request for 2014/15 in the amount of \$14,650. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Mr. Hitchery abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

Mr. Landers asked that this Commission authorize one-half of the cost towards maintaining the rain gauge for shellfish closers in the amount of \$1500 per year. East Lyme and Waterford pay one-half of the cost.

The USGS group will give a presentation at WELSCO's meeting on Thursday, December 19.



Alternatives have been looked at. George Calkins of Ledge Light is very supportive of the rain gauge. Mr. Harris stated he discussed alternatives with someone from DA/BA. We can test an alternative. Mr. Dinsmore suggested requesting a price for purchasing it. Mr. Dinsmore suggested forming a subcommittee to look into alternatives. Mr. Morris asked to be part of this subcommittee. It was felt that Ms. Johnston might be interested in being on the subcommittee.

Mr. Kanter asked that this Commission receive monthly revenue and expense reports.

MOTION: Mr. Mountzoures moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. Mr. Hitchery abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

D. Ex officio. Mr. Seery reported on December 2 Mary Cahill and Ed Morris were honored.

On December 7 the Town of East Lyme had its Light Parade which was a fantastic event.

Tomorrow night the Board of Selectmen will reappoint board and commission members. These individuals will need to be sworn in before the next meeting of this Commission.

The Boardwalk has been delayed by AMTRAK. Mr. Formica would like it ready by the summer season. Mr. Formica is discussing bathroom facilities.

Mr. Morris reported Zoning approved the bluff specifications prepared by Mr. Mulholland.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. This Commission requested \$15,000 in the Capital Plan for updating the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Dinsmore has spoken to Jeff Steadman, and he would like to get together to discuss items we want updated to current statutes.

Mr. Morris asked how would this Commission feel about dredging and putting in transient moorings. Mr. Landers replied this Commission has discussed transient moorings. Mr. Morris would like to invite Rep. Ed Jutilla to discuss funding for it. Mr. Dinsmore felt the shellfishing beds would be impacted. Mr. Landers felt it would be a very challenging permitting process. Mr. Kanter felt a dingy dock is needed. He suggested publicizing it in marine publications. Mr. Hitchery felt the number of moorings would have to be limited. Mr. Dinsmore suggested seeking WELSCO's input on shellfish beds.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

1. Memo regarding Joe Hitchery's appointment to this Commission.
2. Notice of Intent to File, dated November 15, 2013, from Coastline Consulting and Development, regarding Rob Cummings at 18 River Road.



3. COP, dated November 21, 2013, from DOCKO for Ms. Sonia Evers at 279 Old Black Point Road.

4. DEEP Permit for Thomas Sena at 41 Oswegachie Road. It was felt that DEEP would require that a Professional Engineer sign off on this. This matter was tabled.

B. Renewal of USGA Rain Gauge Lease.

The term of the lease is for two years. East Lyme and Waterford pay one-half each. East Lyme's contribution would be \$1,850 for two years.

Mr. Kanter suggesting that we determine if we would be allowed to renew it for one year, with the option to renew it after one year.

Mr. Morris felt the rain gauge is a terrific value.

Mr. Landers agreed it is expensive and there may be an alternative that suits our needs but DA/BA needs a reliable source.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved that the East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission supports cost sharing of the USGS rain gauge for a term of one year, with the option for a second year at a price to be determined based on WELSCO's December 19 Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

C. Elections. Mr. Dinsmore asked for nominations for Chairman of this Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Dinsmore moved to nominate Don Landers as Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Dinsmore asked if there were any other nominations for Chairman.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to nominate Mr. Dinsmore as Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Dinsmore asked if there were any other nominations for Chairman. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Kanter moved to close nominations for Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015. Seconded by



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Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Mr. Dinsmore was unanimously elected Chairman of this Commission for 2014/2015.

Mr. Dinsmore asked for nominations for Treasurer of this Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Mountzoures moved to nominate Mr. Landers as Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Hitchery. (5-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Dinsmore asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Kanter moved to close nominations for Treasurer of this Commission. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures, (5-0) Unanimous

A vote was taken and Mr. Landers was unanimously elected Treasurer of this Commission for 2014/2015.

Mr. Dinsmore asked for nominations for Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to nominate Joe Hitchery as Secretary for the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2014/2015. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous

Mr. Dinsmore asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations.

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to close nominations for Secretary. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken, and Mr. Hitchery was unanimously elected Secretary of this Commission for 2014/2015.

D. Review of Calendar for 2014. Commission members reviewed the calendar of meeting dates for this Commission for 2014.

MOTION: Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the calendar of meeting dates for this Commission for 2014. Seconded by Mr. Landers. (5-0) Unanimous.

7. Comments from Other Members - None.



8. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the December 17, 2013 Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Meeting at 9 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0 Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary