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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**

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

### **May 19, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall**

Commissioners Present: Joseph Hitchery, Barbara Johnston, William Mountzoures, and Greg Murin.  
Rick Kanter arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: Stephen Dinsmore and Donald Landers.

Ex Officios Present: Marc Salerno

Others Present: Mike Theiler of Jeanette Fisheries; Lt. Col. Joe Danao (Facility Management Officer) and Major Mark Castelucci (Operations Officer) from Camp Niantic; and Peter Harris, Chairman, WELSCO.

**1. Call to Order.** Commission Secretary Hitchery called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2015 and of the Special Meeting of May 12, 2015.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Hitchery. Motion carried (4-0).**

**MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the May 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Murin. Motion carried (4-0).**

### **3. Public Delegations**

Lt. Col. Danao and Major Castelucci provided information and explained the proposed Camp Niantic security buffer zone. It would extend 250' out from the high tide line and is being requested for future enforcement of possible security events when the Camp might want to exclude people from the area. This is very shallow water and access to shellfish beds and the passage of small vessels, kayaks, and canoes would be discouraged but not prohibited. The 24/7 contracted security personnel would not have "eyes on" the zone constantly, but people observed within the zone would probably be identified and asked to leave. Presence within the zone would not be an "arrestable" offense.

This is a National Guard request similar to the Stone Ranch security arrangement and is not a Federal requirement.

The placement and marking of the buoys delineating the zone will be determined by the DEEP as part of the required permitting process.

No Commission action was requested and none was taken. The officers were thanked for their presentation and departed.

#### **4. Reports**

A. Shellfish: No report.

B. Harbor Master: No report.

C. Treasurer: No report.

D. Ex Officio: Selectman Salerno reported on the proposed Goldfinch Terrace property acquisition which is part of the Niantic River headwater. The Town has been asked to contribute to the purchase of this property in order to prevent commercial development. Commissioner Johnston pointed out that proposed RT. #11 goes through this area and private ownership might be a problem. Value of the land also is dependent on development possibilities. The issue will require a referendum.

#### **5. Old Business**

A. Harbor Management Plan – Update: Commissioner Hitchery reported DEEP is still reviewing the final draft revision. No particular problem is expected and approval is anticipated within a week. As mentioned in the Special Meeting, the Plan should be circulated to various EL department heads for review.

B. Rain Gauge: Since funding is not available and no action taken in several months, this item is removed from future agendas without objection.

#### **6. New Business**

A. Landmark proposal for Oswegatchie Hills: The proposed letter of May 13, 2015 to the Zoning Commission urging disapproval of the request for a zoning change was discussed. It was agreed a copy of the letter will be placed in the Zoning mail slot and one will be hand delivered to Chairman Walker by Commissioner Hitchery prior to the public meeting at Camp Niantic.

**MOTION: Commissioner Murin moved to approve the letter of May 13, 2015 to the Zoning Commission concerning Zoning Regulation Amendment and zone change requested by Landmark Development Group LLC regarding Oswegatchie Hills. Seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. Motion carried (4-0).**

B. Correspondence:

1. A letter drafted by Consultant Geoff Steadman expressing concerns about the “Proposed Substitute Bill No. 6816: An Act Concerning the Connecticut Port Authority” for sending to

First Selectman Nickerson, Senator Formica, and Representative Jutila was considered. The Commission without objection agreed to forward it as written to Commissioner Landers and Chairman Dinsmore for consideration and delivery to the addressees.

2. DEEP permit received for a recreational dock for Edward Painter off property located at #19 Ledge Road, East Lyme.

## **7. Final Comments.**

Commissioner Johnston expressed her concern that WELSCO was not paying anything toward the pump out boat. Commissioner Kanter explained that Waterford and East Lyme fund the boat through WELSCO. Johnston would like WELSCO to contribute 1/3 of the cost.

## **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commissioner Mountzoures moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Murin. Motion carried. (5-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Hitchery", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph Hitchery, Secretary