

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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July 15, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

Commissioners Present: Joseph Hitchery; Barbara Johnston; Donald Landers; William

Mountzoures and Greg Murin

Absent Commissioner: Stephen Dinsmore and Rick Kanter

Ex Officios Present: Richard Morris, Harbor Master; and Kevin Seery, Selectman

Others Present: Richard Caulkins; Edgar Riozzi; Frank Gillig

1. Call to Order. Acting Chairman Hitchery called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 17, 2014

The following correction was noted under Reports (4) (B): "Messrs. Morris, Hitchery, and Riozzi went on Hitchery's boat to check on two reported hazardous winter stakes off Saunders Point. Mr. Vibber was working in the area and was asked by the Harbor Master to pull one of the hazardous winter stakes and non-compliant mooring #321 off Pine Grove; the remaining winter stake problem was restified by Mr. Vibber."

MOTION: Ms. Johnston moved to approve the June 17, 2014 Minutes, as amended; seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Motion carried (unanimous).

The following clarifications were noted for the May 27th meeting: (2) Mooring permit fees in the amount of \$6,950 have been collected; (4) (B) A Homeland Security Grant has provided funding for the purchase of radios for the New London Marine Group at a cost of \$8,000 each.

3. **Public Delegation** — Members from the public requested that the Commission evaluate additional speed limit signs and extra marine patrols in the Niantic River to enforce boating regulations and protect public property. This topic will be added to the August agenda.

4. Reports

- A. Shellfish. No Report
- B. <u>Harbor Master</u>. Mr. Morris reviewed a proposal for floating restaurant/bar in the area off Cini Park, all moorings (except ~12-15) are permitted, PFD's were purchased for the HM boat, and he is working with Town staff on conceptual plans for additional transient boating oppurtunities.
- C. <u>Treasurer</u>. Mr. Landers received an invoice for 3 PFD's (\$275.45) and reported that \$4,535 had been encumbered from the 2013-14 budget to support re-establishment of the Latimer Brook stream gauge in 2014-15.
- D. Ex Officio. Mr. Seery reported that the BoS and BoF acted on our request to encumber funds, a special meeting is scheduled for Aug 6th to discuss funding for Scott air packs and land purchase

near Oswegatchie Hills. Celebrate East Lyme is this Saturday; boardwalk repairs are being staged at McCook Pt and a successful fundraiser was held in memory of former Town employee Mike G. E. Rain Gauge Subcommittee. It was recommended to move forward and purchase required equipment and remove this agenda item.

5. Old Business

A. <u>Harbor Management Plan</u>. Commission members were asked to refer to Mr. Steadman's recent email on chapter reviews. Discussion followed on a recommendation to get a complete re-write of all sections to review at subsequent special meetings.

6. New Business

- A. <u>Correspondence</u>. A Certificate of Permission from the CTDEEP OLISP for water-related work related at the Rebecca Davies residence, Old Black Pt. Rd.
- 7. Comments from Commission Members. Following discussion on the merits of adding docks at the Grand St. launch, it was suggested that the Commission request funding from the Town to move forward with the proposal. A request was suggested to have members of the Niantic River Watershed Committee attend one of our meetings to discuss their activities.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Mr. Mountzoures moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m; seconded by Ms. Johnston. Motion carried (Unanimous).

Respectfully submitted,

Don Landers, Acting Recording Secretary