



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

November 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

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

Absent: Joseph Hitchery

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

Others Present: Mark Castellucci; and Timothy Londregan III

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

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2014.**

MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the October 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Kanter. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to add to the agenda, under 2(a), Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2014. It was seconded by Commissioner Johnston. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

A. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 10, 2014.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to approve the November 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Landers. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

3. Public Delegations

A. Mark Castellucci, from the U.S. Army, Camp Niantic, made a presentation regarding the U.S. Army's plan to establish a shoreline force protection exclusion zone that will run parallel with the shoreline of Camp Niantic, and will go out 250 feet into the water, which is the minimum Safe Distance Zone (SDZ), for an approximately 300,000 square feet, total.

Discussion ensued regarding the concerns of the Commissioners, in terms of its permanency, how the residents of Niantic are going to react to this exclusion zone, if buoys adhere to tackle regulations, impact on roads in the surrounding areas, as well as negatively impacting the access to shell fishing grounds. Commissioner Landers also wants the U.S. Army to make sure that it's consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

B. Timothy Londregan presented his proposal, as promised, for the Type II aquiculture farm. Discussion ensued regarding the areas chosen, as well as concerns due to its proximity to the Hole in the Wall Beach. Commissioner Dinsmore requested to add this to the agenda for December 2014, as a discussion topic.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish. Commissioner Kanter says that the river and the bay are closed, due to the 1.3 inches of rain received the other night. Area B in the river is closed. DABA said there were too many boats still located in the river, creating high concerns of discharging in the area. If the number of boats decreases, B may open up. Area F is open.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Morris says that they received the rain gauge adapter today, and they have started to hook it up. By tomorrow afternoon, they will start sending out some emails. He was pretty impressed with the display screen.

The plan is to do a 2-year sign-up, at a cost of \$60 (\$30 per year) for opening it up, so you can go to the weather station and look at the screen. It is off of the rain gauge at Dispatch in Flanders. He assures there should be no limitation on the numbers of emails, which will be triggered at 1 inch of rain.

He's getting in gear to start the mooring process. Commissioner Hitchery ordered new stickers, which have already come in. Commissioner Johnston questioned why the three moorings haven't been hauled off, that are located off of Black Point. Mr. Morris indicated he's been waiting on the Commission to approve their removal, and states that there are actually five that are red stickered and unidentified that he would like to haul off. It is apparent that these have been abandoned. The total cost would be \$495.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnston moved to haul off the five moorings, with funding provided by the Commission. This was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

Commissioner Landers touched on the discussion that took place regarding the new Harbor Management Plan, highlighting the fact that the numbers are to be removed, in terms of size and vessels, and that capacities in areas will be upon consultation with the Harbor Master, as well as specific designations.

Regarding Three Belles, beyond sending a letter, the Commission hasn't done anything further.

C. Treasurer. Commissioner Landers stated that he has a few invoices on-hand. One is for the mooring decals, which were paid by Commissioner Hitchery, at a total cost of \$539.28. The Commission needs to reimburse Commissioner Hitchery for that expense, out of the Maintenance of Harbor account.

He also has two invoices from wardens patrolling/sampling for September, \$43.75, and October \$62.50, which should be a labor line item. And the final invoice is for the stream gauge, at a total of \$8,500, which is to be out of the Maintenance of Harbor account. This would cover the stream

gauge from the dates of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

The Commission is looking to pay all of the above invoices. The Commission received a \$5 check from the Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission.

D. Ex Officio. Mr. Seary advises that the work on the boardwalk continues, and that they don't anticipate pouring cement until after winter. They hope to have the ribbon cutting for the boardwalk by Memorial Day 2015, but definitely by summer 2015.

He also states that Mosley Road (?) has changed to a 90-degree angle, and that it is open to traffic. There will be a town meeting tomorrow night to approve it.

Mr. Seary discusses Care and Share, and its request for donations for Christmas. He also talks about the Cease, Desist, and Correct Order at the solar farm that will exist through next spring. There is still much concern with silt going into the river, and it is being monitored.

He also brings up the Joint Use Land Survey with the National Guard and indicates that it's a great place to voice concerns. If the grant is received, he's going to look into what can be done for compatible use.

November 29th will be the carol stroll on Main Street from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. December 6th will be the light parade at 5:30 p.m.

Now-Senator Formica will take his seat in the Senate on January 2, 2015, at which point Mr. Mark Nickerson will take his position as the new First Selectman, until November 2015.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan. Chairman Dinsmore discussed the meeting that took place on November 10, 2014. All the sections that have been received to-date were reviewed. He hopes to receive chapters 1 through 3 by next week, and once those are reviewed, the plan can be pulled together and can take steps moving forward, as Mr. Geoff Steadman indicated at the meeting. The State is currently reviewing it. And work is going on with respect to draft ordinances.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence. None.

7. Final Comments.

Commissioner Murin states that the 250 feet discussed in the U.S. Army's plan isn't going to make that much of an impact, since it's not that big of a space.

8. Adjournment

MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Mountzoures. The motion carried. (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria O'Connor
Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary