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*Brook D. Hitchery*  
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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**

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November 10, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes; East Lyme Town Hall

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

Others Present: Geoff Steadman

**1. Call to Order.** Commissioner Hitchery called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**2. Review of Harbor Management Plan:** Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7

Commissioner Landers inquired regarding steps subsequent to reviewing chapters. Mr. Steadman indicated that Marcy, at the State DEP, was interested in three areas of the plan: (1) Oswegatchie Hills area; (2) Water shed planning in the Niantic River planning; and (3) Coastal reliance, in being able to respond to storms. Once the Commissioners had reviewed the plan this evening, Marcy was going to look over it, and was planning to respond back to Mr. Steadman by Thanksgiving. Once "approved" by her, it will give a good indication that it will be accepted by the DEP. The approximated timeline to go through the entire approval process, including receipt and review by all entities, was six months. And the goal is to have it adopted by the Board of Selectman by boating season 2015.

I. Chapter 4: No corrections or additions suggested.

II. Chapter 5:

A. 5-5 comment, by Mr. Steadman: Reflects that there shouldn't be any unauthorized encroachments.

B. 5-6 comment, by Mr. Steadman: Reflects civil penalties, and indicates a provision for monies to go to the town if there are any fines assessed to the violators, called the supplemental environmental project.

B. 5-7(C) comment, by Mr. Steadman: Appendix G is a document that the Corps of Engineers has prepared and will be put into the plan as an appendix.

C. 5-11(B) suggestion: "All mooring tackle should be placed, permitted, and maintained in accordance with..." and omit users/owners.

D. 5-12(L) suggestion: Reference mooring poles, as defined in the general permitting requirements, as a footnote.

E. 5-13(E) suggestion: Next-to-last line should state, "no more than one mooring pole

(insert the word 'system') serving no more than two vessels..."

F. 5-18(K) suggestion: Remove (K), as 5-18.4(a) reflects the same language, and amend 4(a) to state all waterfront commercial facilities.

G. 5-39(F) comment: This conforms to the Statute.

### III. Chapter 6:

A. 6-3 comment, by Commissioner Murin: What exists and what we allow doesn't correlate with what we say we're going to allow.

B. 6-4.3(b) suggestion: Omit.

C. 6-4.3(c) suggestion: State "in accordance with local beach association rules and regulations."

D. 6-5.4(b) suggestion: Enforce the new prohibition of discharging.

E. 6-8.1(a) suggestion: Remove numerical suggestions regarding the sizes and numbers of vessels. Instead, state that they are subject to consultation via the Commission, as well as limits may be imposed by the Commissioner, based on limiting conditions. And emphasize that safety is of main concern.

F. 6-10.1(c) comment, by Commissioner Kanter: Screw-in type moorings should be encouraged for new moorings and waters open to shell fishing.

F. 6-16.11(a) suggestion: It needs to say all boating activities need to be in accordance with boating laws.

G. 6-26 suggestion: Designated mooring area wording should be included.

H. 6-27 suggestion: It needs to be made clear that everything is subject to the authority of the Harbor Master. Mr. Steadman also suggests including an entire section on shorefront neighborhood protection.

### IV. Chapter 7:

A. 7-20.16 suggestion: Reword to say "appointed by the Governor, according to the Statutes".

B. 7-23 suggestion: Eliminate last sentence.

C. 7-30.1 suggestion: Amend the second paragraph to reflect the pre-application requirement, that an applicant has to comply with the requirements of DEP for pre-application consultation, prior to submitting an application. If they come in for the pre-application consultation, Commission can say it's been reviewed and that it doesn't

have an objection to it being included in the permit application. "We reserve the right to make a final determination on the consistency of plan, until it goes out to public notice, or for a public hearing". And the application can't be deemed incomplete for not checking the box. In the space for comments say, "See attached letter".

### **3. Adjournment**

**MOTION: Commissioner Landers moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Murin. The motion carried. (6-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria O'Connor, Recording Secretary