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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
APRIL 16, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Chairman; Secretary Barbara Johnston; Treasurer Don Landers; Rick Kanter and Bill Mountzoures

Also Present: Jaxon Vibber; Joe Hitchery, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; and Kevin Seery, Ex officio; George Sisson, Boy Scout

Members Absent: Greg Murin and Marvin Schutt

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013.** Approval of the Amended Regular Meeting of February 19 was tabled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2013. Mr. Dinsmore asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission.

On page 2 the second paragraph to be revised as follows: "Mr. Hitchery stated he has made it clear to those individuals who needed inspections to send the renewal in before March 1 and he would hold the sticker until he receives the inspection form." On page 3 the last sentence of the first paragraph under Treasurer's Report should be revised as follows: "Mr. Hitchery suggested repair of day markers."

MOTION (1): Mr. Landers moved to approve the March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Mountzoures abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** George Sisson of Troop 7 stated he is working towards his Eagle Scout Award.

4. **REPORTS**

A. **Shellfish.** Mr. Kanter reported scallop season will end on March 31. Individuals are now clamming.

B. **Harbor Master.** Mr. Hitchery would like estimates for repair of the Smith Cove channel markers. He stated we are charged with the responsibility for upkeep and maintenance of them. He had a preliminary estimate from Jaxon Vibber. Mr. Vibber stated there were changes in the specifications and material.



Mr. Kanter asked if there is some material that would last longer? Mr. Hitchery replied plywood or aluminum can be used. Mr. Landers suggested investigating whether the Department of Corrections or the Town Garage are able to do this work.

Mr. Hitchery suggested that we fund the installation of the mooring for the Harbor Master. There is no place to attach any along the river. He recommended a 500 pound mooring. Mr. Landers felt a RFQ is needed.

Ms. Johnston suggested that Mr. Hitchery update his form to add design of the moorings. He felt this was a good idea.

Mr. Hitchery attended a meeting in New Haven where representatives from DEEP, DOT and Home Land Security discussed issuing ID badges for harbor masters and their deputies for Region 1. He also attended a meeting in Waterford and discussed the Act regarding abandoned boats. The Harbor Master's boat should be available by the end of this month.

He received 236 mooring renewals, thirteen no responses, eight individuals relinquished their moorings and he received eight requests for new moorings.

Mr. Dinsmore stated he is in favor of establishing a mooring for the Harbor Master. Mr. Landers supported funding of a mooring for the Harbor Master.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported our budget was approved by the Board of Selectmen but the Board of Finance recommended reducing it to \$14,650. Our Capital Request in the amount of \$15,000 was approved over a two year funding cycle. We will have \$7500 next year to fund an outside consultant to update the Harbor Management Plan. He has spoken to Mr. Steadman about working on the Harbor Management Plan.

MOTION (2): Mr. Kanter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

D. Ex-Officio. Mr. Seery reported the Capital Plan will be appropriated later in the year. The Board of Finance reduced the General Government and Board of Education budgets by \$978,607. If we receive the same amount from the state, residents will have a .5 increase in taxes. The Board of Finance Budget Hearing will be held on April 25 at 7 p.m. at the High School.

The Board of Selectmen approved the noise ordinance.

The Board of Selectmen have cancelled its meeting for tomorrow night.

Ms. Johnston asked if we will purchase a meter? Mr. Seery replied Old Lyme and Waterford have one.

5. OLD BUSINESS



A. Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members. Ms. Johnston drafted a letter to Jeff Steadman for this Commission's review.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. Mr. Kanter showed Commission members suggested verbiage for the sign and asked for their input at this Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting. Mr. Landers reported he had discussion with AMTRAK, and they had no concerns.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence.

1. Article in the Lyme Times regarding our book donation Shellfish Aquaculture in the Environment to the East Lyme Library.
2. Copy of letter dated April 6, 2013 from Don Landers and Rick Kanter to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation regarding support for funding to the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Landers reported at the Connecticut Harbor Management Association Meeting there was discussion on training for harbor masters. No Wake Zone/Speed Limits and how to handle abandoned boats was also discussed. Mr. Landers drafted a response letter.

Mr. Hitchery recommended that the bill regarding abandoned boats be supported.

Mr. Landers spoke to Jeff Steadman, and he is very interested in updating the Harbor Management Plan.

Ms. Johnston welcomed the boy scout and applauded his efforts toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Kanter expressed concern about ospreys nesting in an area close to swimming and jet skis. He observed last year that the osprey left its nest and babies after the area became busy. Mr. Landers asked that Mr. Kanter give a report during breeding season.

Mr. Hitchery observed eagles in the river as well.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (3): Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the April 16, 2013 Regular Meeting



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**of the Harbor Management Commission at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by
Ms. Johnston. (5-0) Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary