



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
August 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Steve Dinsmore, Chairman; Secretary Barbara Johnston; Treasurer Don Landers; Bill Mountzoures; Greg Murin; and Marvin Schutt

Also Present: Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; Ex officio Kevin Seery; Jeff Westermeyer (Coast Line Consulting); Mary and Ronald Cummings; Richard Morris and Vito Adolbo

Members Absent: Rick Kanter

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF July 16, 2013.**

MOTION (1): Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2013, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (4-0-2) Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.**

A. Cummings Application. Mr. Westermeyer of Coast Line Consulting discussed the Cummings Application for a dock. He stated CTDEEP and Army Corps had no concerns with navigation.

During the following discussion, the commission reviewed that riparian rights were being preserved and that neighbors were informed of the plans.

This area is under the jurisdiction of the Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission for shellfishing. WELSCO had previously determined that this project is consistent with their Shellfish Management Plan.

MOTION (2): Mr. Murin moved that the Cummings Application is consistent with our Harbor Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (6-0) Unanimous

4. **REPORTS**

A. Shellfish Mr. Landers reported he has received emails from DA/BA with respect to sampling deficiencies. Clamming is open. There is not a lot of activity in the bay.

Mr. Dinsmore reported he received a letter from Christopher Brown, Chief, Aquaculture & Enhancement Division inviting this Commission to attend an Open House at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center at the Milford Laboratory on October 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. RSVP to Carletta Wright Sipes of Sylvia Feeny at (203) 882-6541/6509 no later than October 10 if you plan to attend.

Mr. Landers reported bacteria has been found in clams because of warmer waters.

Mr. Schutt asked for an update on scallops and eelgrass. Mr. Landers replied we have



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found scallops and eelgrass.

B. Harbor Master

Recognition of Mr. Hitchery's Service. The Commission thanked Mr. Hitchery for his exemplary job of implementing the Mooring Program. His wife and he were thanked for all their hard work.

Mr. Hitchery replied he has found his work rewarding and enjoyable. If there is an opening on the Commission, he would like to be considered.

Review of Possible Replacement. Mr. Adolbo thanked Mr. Hitchery for his work and recommended Richard Morris.

Mr. Morris noticed the improvements since Mr. Hitchery took over as Harbor Master. He felt the river and bay are enjoyable. He feels many things can be done in the river. He attended a Forum, and it was felt we could rebuild the area and attract more boaters.

Ms. Johnston gave Commission members copies of the Black Pointer which gave thanks to the Public Works Department for removing a giant tree 200' off our shoreline. Mr. Morris stated we were fortunate enough to have the equipment to remove it.

MOTION (3): Mr. Landers moved to submit the names of Ron Johnson, Frank Skewes and Richard Morris to the state to replace Joe Hitchery as Harbor Master and recommend Richard Morris. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (6-0) Unanimous

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers received an invoice dated August 1 from Save the River Save the Hills for our annual contribution to its Pumpout Program in the amount of \$3,000. We received a bill from the Recording Secretary for 2.75 hours.

MOTION (4): Mr. Murin moved to approve \$3,000 for the Pumpout Program. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (6-0) Unanimous

MOTION (5): Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (6-0) Unanimous.

D. Ex-Officio Mr. Seery reported the Selectmen have discussed the invasion of bamboo. The state has passed a law that it should be removed. It will push us asphalt and concrete.

Mr. Formica has been reviewing plans for the completion of the Boardwalk. This summer we had a successful season for the Boardwalk and Main Street.

Mr. Seery informed the Commission that the police boat has been repaired and is in the water.

Saturday night there was a concert at McCook's Park and a birthday party for Paul Formica.

He thanked Mr. Hitchery for all he has done.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members Mr. Hitchery stated he is willing to work with Geoff Steadman on the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Dinsmore agreed to contact Mr. Steadman.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits Mr. Landers reported AMTRAK has reviewed the proposed sign and agreed to it.

It was shown to Grant Westerson of Connecticut Marine Trades Association to make sure he approved the language on it. He agreed to the language on the sign but asked that the



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telephone number for bridge problems be included. Mr. Grimsey is getting money from DEEP.

Mr. Grimsey will be contacted to push the sign issue forward.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence.

1. August 16 to 23, 2013 Black Pointer newsletter.

2. Letter dated August 12, 2013 from Christopher Brown, Chief Aquaculture & Enhancement Division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding an Open House scheduled for October 19, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS There were no other comments from commission members.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (6): Mr. Murin moved to adjourn the August 20, 2013

Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission

at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (6-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary