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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Chairman
Donald F. Landers Jr.Treasurer
Stephen DinsmoreSecretary
Barbara Johnston**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2011, 7:30 P.M. EAST LYME TOWN HALL
108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
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Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Barbara Johnston, Treasurer Steve Dinsmore, Rick Kanter, Marvin Schutt, Joseph Hitchery (Harbor Master), Marc Berger (Deputy Harbor Master), Kevin Seery (Ex officio), Michael Theiler, Capt. David Robinson (OnLine Mooring).

Absent: William Mountzoures and Greg Murin.

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landers at 7:30 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011

MOTION (1): Mr. Schutt moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. Ms. Johnston abstained from voting. (4-0-1) Motion carried.

3. Public Delegations – Capt. Robinson would like to make a presentation to this Commission at its January meeting. Mr. Landers agreed to place him on the Agenda for the January meeting.

Mr. Berger and other fisherman felt the recent decision by Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO) to open the scallop season on December 15 was a poor decision. Mr. Kanter (WELSCO-CoChair) stated historically the season is open from October 15 through March 15. He asked Mr. Berger to attend a WELSCO meeting to express his concerns; WELSCO meets the third Thursday of each month.

4. Reports**A. Shellfish**

Mr. Landers reported the river and bay were reopened for clamming last Friday. Mr. Kanter stated that unlike clamming, scalloping does not close following 1" rainfall events.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported mooring permit renewal forms are being printed and should be sent out the first week in January.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore reported the budget for 2012/2013 was prepared and Commission members reviewed a printout of the proposed budget. The automated rain gauge operated and maintained by USGS will require funding of \$1750 per year. There was additional discussion of co-funding the rain gauge with other local shellfish commissions and exploring alternative measures for

