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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION JANUARY 15, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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

Also Present: Joe Hitchery, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; and Kevin Seery, Ex officio

Members Absent: Greg Murin and Bill Mountzoures

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2012.** Chairman Dinsmore asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the December 18, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following correction was noted: On page 1, the last paragraph, the third sentence to be rewritten as follows: "He sent the Operating Budget request and the Capital Budget request to Anna Johnson, Director of Finance."

MOTION (1): Ms. Johnston moved to approve the December 18, 2012 Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous

- 3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS.** There were no public delegations.
- 4. REPORTS**
 - A. Shellfish.** Mr. Kanter reported the river is open. Individuals are scalloping.
 - B. Harbor Master.** Mr. Hitchery reported applications were sent out, and to date he has received 25% of the renewals.
 - C. Treasurer.** Mr. Landers reported our total budget for last year was \$13,180. As of December 2012 we have expended \$4, 258.19. We have a balance of \$8,704.34. We have spent \$2500 to support the pump out boat and \$1200 to replace missing markers.

We have received income through December for permits in the amount of \$1300.

We received a bill for a rain gauge, our share is \$1,875. Ms. Johnston felt the cost of the rain gauge was excessive. She was informed that is the amount USGS charges. It is an automated system that works 24 hours. Mr. Landers stated per our agreement we are obligated to pay half of the cost. The contract is dated April 16, 2012 through December 31, 2013.



MOTION (2): Ms. Johnston moved to request that Kevin Seery to share the rain gauge agreement with the Board of Selectmen. Seconded by Marvin Schutt.

After discussion Mr. Schutt withdrew his second and the motion was defeated.

Mr. Kanter reported when this matter was first discussed he questioned its cost. It was decided to use the USGS service anyway. When the agreement comes up for renewal changes can be made.

Mr. Hitchery submitted receipts of \$1500 for mooring permit fees.

MOTION (3): Ms. Johnston moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous.

D. Ex-Officio. Mr. Seery reported the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Government would like to form an Ethics Subcommittee. The Board of Selectmen feel they have enough resources to do it on their own.

The Town replaces its vehicles on a regular basis. We are applying for a grant.

He has discussed the berm at Cini Park.

The Board of Selectmen will begin its review of town budgets the first week of February. The \$1.2 billion state deficit may impact the Town.

FEMA money should be coming in soon.

The Selectmen will meet tomorrow night.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members. Ms. Johnston is happy that we have put in a capital request for renewal of the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Landers felt this Commission will need to make an appeal to the Board of Selectmen for that money.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. Messrs. Kanter and Schutt will work on verbage for the sign when the new bridge is completed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence.

1. The Natale dock proposal was mailed to Gerwick-Mereen on December 19, 2012.



2. A Notice of Determination from DOCKO, INC. dated January 8, 2013 regarding CT DEEP COP Application for Samuel Childs.

3. Reclassification from DA/BA. The Approved shellfishing area has been merged with Area "E" with a 1" rainfall trigger.

4. Dowling Dock permit was approved without comments.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS. Barbara Johnston felt the Dowling Dock should have had a Public Hearing before it was approved. A group of kayakers in Blackpoint were upset about this. She advised them to write letters.

Ms. Johnston noticed on the Board of Selectmen's Agenda Repairs to the Black Hawk Dock. She did not feel the dock was damaged. Mr. Seery stated Mr. Formica is renegotiating the contract. Normal wear and tear has not been done. Ms. Johnston felt if there is anyway we can help them we should. Mr. Seery felt the Town will have a better idea when FEMA money is available.

Mr. Landers would like to continue serving on the Niantic River Watershed Committee. Ms. Johnston objected to the Niantic River Watershed Committee.

MOTION (4): Mr. Schutt moved to approve Mr. Landers continuing to serve on the Niantic River Watershed Committee. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. In Favor: Dinsmore, Landers, Kanter and Schutt. In Opposition: Johnston. (4-1) Motion carried.

Messrs. Kanter and Schutt plan to attend the Gathering of Harbor Management Commissions to be held on January 26, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (5): Mr. Mountzoures moved to adjourn the January 15, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary