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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 June 18, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

<u>Members Present:</u> Steve Dinsmore, Chairman; Secretary Barbara Johnston; Treasurer Don Landers; Rick Kanter; Bill Mountzoures; Greg Murin; and Marvin Schutt <u>Also Present:</u> Ed Riozzi; Joe Hitchery, Harbor Master; and Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 21, 2013.

The following corrections were noted: On page 2, the second motion to be revised as follows: On page one Mr. Steadman's first name is Geoff. On page 2 the last sentence of the first paragraph to be deleted. Also the first sentence of the seventh paragraph to be rewritten as follows: "Mr. Landers reported with respect to the transient boats Bayview Landing has included six transient slips," On page 4, the second sentence after Motion 5 to be revised as follows: "Mr. Hitchery replied they would be red and green." On page 5 the second sentence to be revised as follows: "Mr. Landers did not recommend them in the bay."

MOTION (1):Mr. Landers moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2013, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (7-0) Unanimous

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Mr. Riozzi, of 22 North Pine Street, Niantic, Connecticut, thanked the Commission for having the channel markers replaced and installed in Smith Cove.

Mr. Riozzi presented the following issues to the commission:

- 1. Channel marker No. 10 has not been replaced.
- 2. Regulations are needed regarding the placement and seasonal removal of winter sticks
- 3. A Dinghy dock would be beneficial to visitors to Niantic.

4. REPORTS

- **A.** Shellfish. Mr. Kanter reported the shellfish areas were closed because of too much rain.
- **B.** Harbor Mr. Hitchery reported he has received 252 paid moorings. There are 7 outstanding. We have taken possession of the Harbor Master's boat.
 - C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported we have invoices from Jeanette T. Fisheries in the

EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION amount of \$778.98, Three Belles Marina in the amount of \$1,425.10, reimbursement to Mr. Hitchery for equipment he purchased from Defender Industries in the amount of \$158.43 and a request for a refund of \$25 from John Mulligan because he relinquished his mooring. We received \$225 for mooring permit sales.

- MOTION (2): Ms. Johnston moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (7-0) Unanimous.
 - D. Ex-Officio Mr. Seery was unable to be present, and there was no report.
 - 5. OLD BUSINESS
- **A.** Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members. Mr. Dinsmore contacted Mr. Steadman. He plans to meet with this Commission on June 27 to discuss the Harbor Management Plan and to review the scope of work.
- **B.** Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. Mr. Landers had discussions with Fred Grimsey. Signcraft is working on a 4 X 4 sign.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Correspondence.
- 1. Application from Robert Trainer at 265-275 Old Black Point Road, Niantic.
- MOTION (3):Mr. Landers moved to find the application from Robert Trainer at 265-275 Old Black Point Road consistent with the Shellfish Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Murin. (7-0) Unanimous.
- MOTION (4):Mr. Landers moved to find the application from Robert Trainer of 265-275 Old Black Point Road consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Murin. (7-0) Unanimous
- 2. Certificate of Permission from the Town of East Lyme for seawall repair at 267 Old Black Point Road.
 - 3. Certificate of Permission for seawall repairs at 25 Saunders Drive, Niantic, CT.
- 4. Application for structure dredge and fill from David Seymore at 219 Old Black Point Road.
- MOTION (5):Ms. Johnston moved to approve the application of David Seymore at 219 Old Black Point Road



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to be consistent with our Shellfish Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (7-0) Unanimous

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Johnston received an email from the Connecticut Shellfish Management requesting comments.

Mr. Dinsmore reported Sea Grant has formed a panel to develop Shellfish Management Regulations. They are requesting representatives from local shellfish commissions to attend.

Ms. Johnston noted that most town agencies have signed the MOU, except the Waterford Shellfish Commission.

Mr. Landers did an eelgrass survey and found it has recolonized in a number of areas in the Niantic River. He also found many scallops in the Niantic Bay.

Mr. Hitchery asked for guidance on specific moorings. Mr. Dinsmore suggested allowing sixty days after an individual who has been deployed returns to make a decision on whether or not they want to keep the mooring.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (6): Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the June 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 9:12 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (7-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary