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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
MARCH 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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

Also Present: Jaxon Vibber; Trux Broadhead; 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 FEBRUARY 19, 2013.** Chairman Dinsmore asked for additions, deletions or corrections to the February 19, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were noted: Mr. Seery was asked to sign the minutes. Item 6. B. was moved to 3. A. Item C. should be revised as follows: "Don Landers was excused (out of Town), Stephen Dinsmore indicated a corrected bill of \$1,750 has been received and submitted for payment" The first sentence of item 6. B. to be revised as follows: "Discussion of USGA Rain Gauge yearly payment of \$1750 for 2012-2013." Also the motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Schutt and seconded by Mr. Kanter. In the motion in item 6 B. Mr. Kanter's name was misspelled.

MOTION (1): Mr. Schutt moved to approve the February 19, 2013 Minutes, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Mr. Neilson presented a pre-application for construction of a new fixed pier at 219 Old Black Point Road, Niantic, Connecticut for David Seymour. Mr. Neilson showed Commission members permit application drawings.

Mr. Landers stated the proposed dock seems to be close to the Child's dock. He had no problem with this application if the adjoining property owners had no objection to it. Mr. Neilson stated we have a permit to repair and restore. The end will be modified. Mr. Landers asked if Mr. Neilson had correspondence from adjoining property owners indicating that they have no problem with it? Mr. Neilson replied he did not.

Mr. Neilson was asked to obtain comments from adjoining property owners. This matter was tabled until the next meeting of this Commission. Mr. Neilson asked if it is generally consistent with the Harbor Management Plan? Ms. Johnston felt this Commission has set a precedent regarding abutting neighbors for the Dowling property.

MOTION (2): Mr. Schutt moved that we find the pre-application



of David Seymour consistent with our Harbor Management Plan, subject to no objection from abutting property owners. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. No vote. Motion withdrawn

Ms. Johnston informed Mr. Neilson that this property is in Old Black Point. Mr. Neilson was asked to provide information to the abutting property owners.

MOTION (3): Mr. Schutt moved to find the pre-application of David Seymour consistent with our Harbor Management Plan, providing the adjoining property owners riparian rights are preserved. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (5-0) Unanimous

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish. Mr. Kanter reported scallop season will be over by the end of March. WELSCO has put in 18,000 first year scallops.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Hitchery reported he has received 188 paid moorings. Seventy-one are outstanding. He has sent reminder notices to each of them via email or regular mail for those individuals who do not have an email address. He has also telephoned some of these individuals. Mr. Landers asked how this compares to previous years? Mr. Hitchery stated last year we had 20% by March 1. We are now at 72% this year. He felt by adding late fees there is an incentive. Ms. Johnston felt Mr. Hitchery was doing a wonderful job.

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 check until he receives the inspection form.

Mr. Landers stated he was informed by the Chief that the boat will be available in early April.

The Chief has called for a meeting of Southeastern Connecticut harbor masters to establish a training program and to share information on how each are doing their job. Mr. Berger added there will be discussion on how the chain of command is handled in different areas.

Mr. Landers informed the Commission the Harbor Management Association Meeting will be held tomorrow night to discuss three bills that are proposed: 5182 for roles, duties, training and powers of harbor masters, 5846 concerning the Harbor Master Program and 5198 concerning No Wake Zone.

Mr. Hitchery felt training of harbor masters is a good idea, as well as sharing of procedures and information. He preferred that law enforcement issue a citation in the No Wake Zone. Mr. Landers agreed to share this information. Mr. Landers stated there will be questions and answers concerning abandonment of vessels. Ms. Johnston noted the minutes of the Chief



referred to a Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Hitchery did not see the need for it. He agreed to speak to the Chief. Mr. Vibber stated he has General Marine Liability Insurance which has been approved.

Ms. Johnston noted the boat will have an hour meter. Mr. Hitchery stated that is for the time we have the motor running. He also has a log book. Mr. Landers stated we anticipate the use of a joint Harbor Master boat by next month.

Mr. Hitchery has had inquiries regarding different types of moorings. All of our moorings are not mushroom moorings. It can be mushroom moorings or its equivalent. Mr. Landers felt this Commission should support helical anchors.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported as of the end of February we have expended \$6,180.04 and our remaining budget is \$6,189.04. We have 53% remaining in our budget. Mr. Dinsmore suggested purchasing shellfish area demarcation signs. Mr. Hitchery suggested pilings on the Smith Cove channel.

We have received fees from Michael Theiler, one in the amount of \$525 and one in the amount of \$884 to satisfy leases on EL7, 8 and 5.

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 Board of Selectmen have forwarded the budget to the Board of Finance. The Board of Selectmen approved \$15,000 for the Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Formica has contacted a UCONN graduate student on this matter. The budget forwarded to the Board of Finance has a \$1.9 million increase, which would be a 1 mill increase. Mr. Formica has saved on costs for Health Care. We will not receive pilot money for the prison, Rocky Neck and the National Guard. We will receive one-tenth for the slots.

Tomorrow night the Selectmen will discuss a noise ordinance.

The Boardwalk and Cini Park will have 150 parking spots. The AMTRAK bridge is scheduled to be completed in May. The Boardwalk should be completed by mid-November.

The Police Department will have a Jet Ski. Grant money was received for it and 3 ATVs.

It is possible we will have an overflow from Rocky Neck. Parks and Recreation will need six lifeguards per day.

Ms. Johnston asked if this Commission could see the Plan for Cini Park? Mr. Seery agreed to provide it for the next meeting of this Commission.

Mr. Landers asked if the same contractor that AMTRAK used will be working on the Boardwalk? Mr. Seery replied the Boardwalk project will go out to bid.



The turf field has been completed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members. Ms. Johnston had nothing new to report.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence.

1. A Certificate of Permission from DOCKO for R. Gordon Douglas for repair work on the southern side of Old Black Point was received.

2. A Notice for Sean Patrick Bridgeman appointment to shellfish warden was received.

3. Notice from the Town Clerk regarding appointments, resignations and appointments, as well as rules for special meetings.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS. Mr. Kanter suggested donating Shellfish Aquaculture in the Environment to the East Lyme Public Library. Mr. Dinsmore felt this was a good idea.

Ms. Johnston asked that a letter be drafted to Mr. Steadman. She was asked to draft a letter for review by this Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (4): Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the March 19, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 9:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. (5-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frances Ghersi".

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary