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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
May 21, 2013 MEETING MINUTES

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

Also Present: Ed Riozzi; Michael Theiler; Joe Hitchery, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; and Brandon Dinsmore, Boy Scout

Members Absent: Rick Kanter Bill Mountzoures and Marvin Schutt

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Chairman Dinsmore called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2013.** The following corrections were noted: On page 2, the second motion to be revised as follows: Ms. Johnston moved that the terms of contract from 2012-2014 be reviewed before being renewed for a second year.

Item 5 A. under old business, the last paragraph to be revised as follows: Request was made to have Geof Steadman give an approximate quote to review and update the regulatory section.

MOTION (1): Mr. Landers moved to approve the Amended Regular Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2013 as amended. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Murin abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013.

MOTION (2): Mr. Landers moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2013, as presented. Ms. Johnston and Mr. Murin abstained from voting. (2-0-2) Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Mr. Riozzi, of 22 North Pine Street, Niantic, Connecticut, stated within the State of Connecticut, in a federally controlled channel, the speed limit is designated as six miles per hour. He suggested posting signage that the speed limit is six miles per hour. It is his understanding that the new bridge construction would include the proper replacement of those signs. He requested that this Commission and the Board of Selectmen take the necessary steps to ensure that a sign be placed stating only six miles per hour in the channel as quickly as possible. On Memorial Day Weekend there will be many boats up and down the river. All the fixed marker pilings in the channel at one time had six mile per hour signs. Over the years some markers have fallen off. He requested that this Commission update those markers stating six miles per hour. It appears that red No. 10 (a floating buoy) is missing. If you are



boating at night, you may run out of the channel. He suggests informing the Coast Guard that it needs to replace that marker.

The Smith Cove channel markers are in disrepair. It is difficult to see them. Markers need to be replaced and upgraded. The day markers in Smith Cove need to be taken care of.

With the new bridge there is a much better flow of water and less congestion. Since the bridge is higher and much wider, he anticipates more transient boats. We have a nice Town but no place to come ashore. These boaters are unable to go downtown. He would like the Commission to speak to the Board of Selectmen about the possibility of talking to marinas about the possibility of renting a dock to have a place to bring in a dingy in so boaters can be aware of the nice things our town offers.

Mr. Landers stated Fred Grimsy is applying for a Long Island Sound Grant to install a large sign. We have discussed this at a number of meetings. We are working on details for signs. John Wilson has a computer program that allows us to see the sign as it will be. We have been working with him.

Mr. Riozzi stated this doesn't address the immediate issue that there was a sign and it was not replaced. He felt it is the railroad's responsibility. Mr. Berger spoke as Vice President of the Charter Boat Association and stated we met with DEEP. He did not feel the railroad is responsible. We met with Dave Simpson a few weeks ago, and he felt the wording was well done. Mr. Landers stated we were informed we need to obtain approval from AMTRAK. Mr. Hitchery added the clearance sign underneath the bridge is missing. CIAMBRO was contacted, and we were informed they will post a clearance on the north side of the bridge. The Coast Guard was contacted and asked for permission to post it. It was approved and will be put up in the near future.

Mr. Hitchery stated the day markers will be replaced. We received the bids, and it is expected to be acted on this evening. The markers will all be replaced with new reflective material.

Mr. Berger stated we will contact the Coast Guard regarding buoy No. 10. Mr. Hitchery agreed to contact them.

Mr. Landers reported with respect to the transient boats Bayview Landing has included six transient slips in his Grand Street launch improvement project. This project was approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. After the referendum we will know if it is approved.

Mr. Rizzo hopes one of the marinas will allow the Town to rent one. Mr. Berger agreed to speak to a marina.

Mr. Landers felt it is possible the new bridge will allow more people into Town. Messrs. Dinsmore and Landers met with First Selectmen Paul Formica who suggests that we see how it works after one year.



Ms. Johnston added over twenty years ago there was no dingy dock because of the First Selectmen at the time. Harbor Hill took over the slips we had.

Mr. Riozzi stated he has spoken to boaters visiting this area, and they are impressed with our river. If a marina is being approached possibly the Downtown Merchants will prepare a flyer listing businesses in Town.

Brandon Dinsmore of 57 Chesterfield Road was present to listen to this Commission.

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish. Mr. Landers reported Shannon Kelly of DABA has asked for assistance from this Commission. There are a number of sampling sites that they are required to sample after .25" of rainfall within four days. Mr. Dinsmore reported the water is gray at Black Point. Five samples were taken from every station after .25" of rainfall. The Commission was asked if this Commission will pay for the Warden. Mr. Dinsmore will obtain a quote from WELSCO.

Mr. Thieler stated he has harvested in Niantic for a number of years, and now needs to consider whether it is worth renewing his lease. One inch is probably not worthwhile for commercial. The decision on sampling changed to 1". Mr. Landers stated it is not as attractive as commercial ground.

Mr. Murin asked what would we gain by having these additional tests? Mr. Landers replied within samples it is hard to evaluate. Mr. Thieler agreed to speak to Shannon Kelly and report back to this Commission.

Mr. Dinsmore stated the fees are paid from East Lyme and Waterford. Mr. Dinsmore will also speak with the Chairman of WELSCO.

Mr. Landers added there was harvesting in the polluted area. Thirty bushels were replanted.

Ms. Johnston stated a few years ago Mr. Schutt and she agreed to collect samples.

B. Harbor Mr. Hitchery reported he has received 250 paid moorings. There are 12 outstanding. He has had no response after three notifications to these individuals. He plans to send another notification, and if he does not receive a response by June 15, he will assume they are not renewing.

Mr. Hitchery reported the Harbor Master's boat will be in the water this Saturday. He has submitted bids for the Harbor Master mooring. He asked that a decision be made tonight.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported we have receipts for mooring permit fees from March 28 through May 16 in the total amount of \$1,525.



We received invoices from WELSCO for Warden patrol hours in the amount of \$50, an invoice from the Recording Secretary for three hours from April 16 to May 13, as well as an invoice from the Connecticut Harbor Management Association annual dues in the amount of \$200.

**MOTION (3): Mr. Murin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (4-0) 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. Ms. Johnston reported we are working on obtaining a consultant. Mr. Formica was trying to procure the services of a UCONN student.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits. Ms. Johnson gave her suggested revisions to the Chairman.

Mr. Landers stated John Wilson has an artist rendering of the sign on his computer. Mr. Landers suggested limiting the words on the sign. Mr. Hitchery agreed the wording should be brief. Mr. Landers agreed to speak to Fred Grimsey.

C. Discussion of the Placement of a mooring for the Harbor Master in the Niantic River. Mr. Hitchery received two bids which the Commission reviewed.

MOTION (4): Mr. Landers moved to authorize the expenditure of \$778.98 to Mr. Thieler to pursue and install a mooring for the Harbor Master's boat. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (4-0) Unanimous.

Mr. Hitchery was asked to coordinate the placement of the mooring with Mr. Thieler.

MOTION (5): Mr. Landers moved to authorize the expenditure of \$1,340.01 to Three Belles to fabricate the day markers and install in the Smith Cove channel. Seconded by Mr. Murin. Ms. Johnston was in opposition. (3-1) Motion carried.

Mr. Riozzi asked if the reflector tape will be red or green? Mr. Hitchery replied they would be red.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hitchery informed the Commission he is interested in the deployment of dor-mor. We do not have specifications. He contacted dor-mor. Mr. Thieler stated you will need to use



excessive weight. Mr. Hitchery stated research has been done on them. Mr. Landers recommended them in the bay. Mr. Hitchery stated we have a few in that are already deployed. Mr. Landers felt we should promote the helilock anchors. Mr. Hitchery felt they cannot be used outside the river.

MOTION (6): Mr. Landers moved to approve the use of dor-mor pyramid type anchors in the Niantic River where proper substrate exists, in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations (see Attachment #1.) Seconded by Mr. Murin. Ms. Johnston was opposed. (3-1) Motion carried.

A. Correspondence.

1. An invitation was received to the Seventeenth Annual Harbor Management Association on June 10. It will be a tribute to Doc Gunter. Mr. Landers made a registration form available to Commission members. A RSVP was requested by May 30.

7. **COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS** Ms. Johnston was informed the scallops have left. Mr. Landers stated the scallops are mobile and through his work they sometimes are caught. He agreed to let her know if they find any.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (7): Mr. Landers moved to adjourn the May 21, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. (4-0) Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary