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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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Barbara Johnston

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Chairman
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Treasurer
Stephen Dinsmore

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2011, 7:30 P.M. EAST LYME TOWN HALL
108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
NIANTIC CT 06357**

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Rick Kanter, Greg Murin, Steven Dinsmore, William Mountzoures, Secretary Barbara Johnston
Absent: Marvin Schutt

Also Present: Harbor Master Joe Hitchery, Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger, John Birmingham, Ex officio

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landers at 7:32 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 20th, 2011

MOTION (1): Mr. Murin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Kanter, Mr. Dinsmore and Ms. Johnston abstained from voting. (4-0-2) Motion carried.

3. Public Delegations - There were no public delegations.

4. Reports

A. Warden

Ms. Johnston stated she received a call from George Calkins. Mr. Landers stated the river and bay were reopened on Saturday at 6 a.m. Mr. Landers reported that Mike Theiler will begin harvesting clams from his lease grounds in the bay. Mr. Kanter stated it is unlikely that there will be a scallop season this year.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported a total of 234 mooring permits were issued in 2011.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore reported he received a bill for 4 hours of secretarial services, two bills from WELSCO in the amounts of \$462.50 and \$350.00, an invoice from Jeanette T. Fisheries, LLC in the amount of \$675.00 and a bill from Newton Manufacturing Co in the amount of \$519.40. Twenty-five dollars was received for a mooring permit. The annual payment in support of the pump-out boat program has been made to Save the River, Save the Hills. Invoices for annual shellfish leases will be sent to the lease holders.

MOTION (2): Mr. Murin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (6-0-0) Motion carried.



D. Ex-officio

Mr. Birmingham asked for an update on the Dowling application. Mr. Landers stated this item was removed from the agenda since we have not heard from the applicant or his agent. They were asked to canvas the neighbors to determine whether or not they were agreeable to it. If they come back with the necessary responses we asked of them, this matter will again be reviewed.

Mr. Birmingham stated after Hurricane Irene there was a lot of silt in the Connecticut River. He asked for an update on the condition of the Niantic River after the storm. There were reports of some boats dragging from moorings or anchors and some minor dock damage, but overall, damage to property and the environment was minimal. It could have been a lot worse. Mr. Murin did not notice any signs of silt.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Sub-Committees. No Report.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

1. Letter dated September 20, 2011 from DEEP stating Greg Murin received his COP for 83 Quarry Dock, Permit No. 200702645-MG.
2. Letter dated October 12, 2011 from Docko, Inc., including a copy of the COP for Attawan Beach Association repairs to the breakwater and boat launch.
3. The Connecticut Harbor Management Association Annual Dinner will be rescheduled.

B. Discussion of Niantic River NO WAKE ZONE/SPEED LIMITS

Discussion focused on increased patrols and additional outreach and education. Plans are in place for Waterford and East Lyme to perform additional patrols during peak hours of recreational use on the river. Mr. Murin suggested putting up a sign (see attached sample) to educate the boating community. Appropriate locations for posting such signs will be explored with the Coast Guard and Amtrak.

C. Discussion of Shellfish MOU. Mr. Landers had nothing new to report on the Shellfish MOU. Ledge Light is working on it, and as soon as he hears more the Commission will be informed.

7. Comments from other Commission Members

Ms. Johnston stated she would like to tour the AMTRAK work. Mr. Landers agreed to contact Mr. Morris or Mr. Formica to arrange a tour.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (3): Mr. Dinsmore moved to adjourn the October 18, 2011 East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Meeting at 8:15 P.M... Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (6-0-0) Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Ghersi
Recording Secretary

ON THE UPPER NIANTIC RIVER PLEASE USE

CAUTION

THE SPEED LIMIT IS

6 MPH

WITHIN 100 FEET OF;

THE EAST SHORE

ALL MOORINGS & DOCKS

AND WITHIN 200 FEET OF THE

WEST SHORE

REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR

WAKE