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TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Stephen Dinsmore

Treasurer
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

HARBOR MANAGEMENT SHELLFISH COMMISSION
September 17, 2013 Informal Discussion

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

Also Present: Joseph Hitchery, Harbor Master; Marc Berger, Deputy Harbor Master; Ex officio Kevin Seery; Mike Theiler and T. J. Londregan

Members Absent: Rick Kanter; Bill Mountzoures; and Greg Murin

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF August 29, 2013. This matter was tabled.

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS. Mr. Theiler thanked Mr. Hitchery for the terrific job he has done as Harbor Master.

Mr. Theiler submitted a letter that due to the present market conditions, he is unable to renew his lease with the Town of East Lyme.

Mr. Landers stated he appreciated Mr. Theiler's efforts.

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish There was no report on shellfish.

B. Harbor Master Mr. Hitchery reported there are 266 paid moorings and \$6,900 in fees have been collected. There are three individuals whose moorings he recommends not renewing. He thanked Mr. Theiler for his help.

Status of Harbor Master Replacement Mr. Formica sent an email to Mr. Dinsmore regarding the appointment of Dick Morris as Harbor Master.

C. Treasurer. Mr. Landers reported we have a bill from Jeanette T. Fisheries in the amount of \$200 for mooring removal, two bills from WELSCO in the amount of \$118.75 for the months of May and June and \$156.25 for patrolling hours for the months of July and August and a bill from the Recording Secretary for 2.50 for the August Meeting.

D. Ex-Officio . Mr. Seery reported at 7 p.m. tomorrow night there will be a Town Meeting on appropriations specified in the Capital Plan.

The Town was awarded \$500,000 in a STEEP Grant towards the Boardwalk. We hope to begin repairs in October or November from Hole-in-the-Wall to Amtrak Beach.

There was discussion on some species of invasive bamboo. The Conservation of Natural Resources was asked to look into it to determine whether or not an ordinance is needed.

Mr. Morris asked if they will erect bath houses at Cini Park? Mr. Seery replied they do not know yet.

Mr. Landers stated two individuals were injured at the pump station. Mr. Seery reported they are now fine.

Mr. Morris reported pump 2 and 3 are on line. The insurance company will have an electrical engineer to test the breaker. Its thirty years old.

5. OLD BUSINESS



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A. Harbor Management Plan—Reports from Commission Members Mr. Dinsmore had discussion with Geoff Steadman. He will begin working on the regulation section of the Plan. A Memo will be sent to First Selectman Paul Formica in order for funds to be allocated from the budget. Mr. Formica is willing to provide an intern if needed. Mr. Hitchery asked if before it is finalized will it be presented to this Commission. Mr. Landers replied it will need to go to DEEP and a Public Hearing will be needed. Mr. Hitchery would like to have input.

B. Discussion of Niantic River No Wake Zone/Speed Limits There was no discussion on this matter.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence.

1. Memo from First Selectman Paul Formica thanking Mr. Hitchery for his work as Harbor Master.

2. Certificates of Permission from the state for Angela Thompson at 257 Old Black Point Road; Dowling for a dock at 287 Old Black Point Road and Jane Calkins at 160 Old Black Point Road, a COP for dredging at Rocky Neck, and for Thomas Sena for a dock at 41 Oswegachie Road.

Mr. Hitchery reported Camp Niantic is requesting a waiver of its \$25 annual fee.

B. Renewal of USGS Rain Gage Lease. We have renewed the Rain Gage Lease at a cost of \$7,000 for two years. We are responsible for one-half of that amount. Ms. Johnston felt WELSCO should share in this cost. Mr. Dinsmore agreed to speak to the Chairman of WELSCO. Mr. Landers felt the gage has been reliable and is a great tool for emergency managers to gage how much rainfall we have. Mr. Morris felt it has been used for six to seven years with great success. In 2008 we had a storm in April and that gage was a lifesaver. We asked people to self evacuate. Some individuals had houses on an island. Ms. Johnston stated she would like Ledge Light to pay part of this cost. The four towns in the watershed should share equally in the cost.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS Mr. Landers reported Crescent Beach has approved funding to authorize repairs following storm Sandy.

Mr. Landers informed the Commission we need demarcation signs. The Department of Corrections will make signs for \$90 each. Ms. Johnston asked how many signs do we need? Mr. Landers replied we need at least four.

Mr. Hitchery stated we need a phone number to field questions. Mr. Dinsmore agreed to provide it in October.

Ms. Johnston felt the list of mooring installers and inspectors needs to be revised.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The September 17, 2013 informal discussion was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Gheri, Recording Secretary