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EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**SEPTEMBER 20, 2011, 7:30 P.M. EAST LYME TOWN HALL****108 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE****NIANTIC CT 06357**

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Marvin Schutt, Rick Kanter, Greg Murin

Absent: Steven Dinsmore, William Mountzoures, Secretary Barbara Johnston

Also Present: Harbor Master Joe Hitchery, Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger, Dan Molino, Ken Mattson, Gary Smith

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Landers at 7:30 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 16th, 2011

MOTION (1): Mr. Murin moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16th, 2011 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Schutt. Mr. Kanter abstained from voting. (3-0-1) Motion carried.

3. Public Delegations

Dan Molino 49 Quarry Dock Road Niantic CT

Ken Mattson – Visitor

Mr. Molino expressed concern about the safety hazard created by the mixed use of the River and gave various examples of potential accidents. Chairman Landers stated it is a difficult situation to remedy. He also mentioned the strong possibility of police coverage next year during periods of maximum use to reduce the possibility of an accident.

4. Reports

A. Warden

Clam beds were open last Sunday morning at sunrise

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported a total of 233 mooring permits have been paid to date for 2011 and that 15 unauthorized moorings have been pulled, 6 from the River area and 9 from the Bay area. The boat that washed up on Crescent Beach during tropical storm Irene has been removed. Mr. Hitchery fielded other requests for support and information related to emergency anchorages and mooring dragging's following the storm. Mr. Hitchery provided a response to USCG inquiry regarding placement and designation of NAVAIDS in Smith Cove and met with Three Belles Marina staff to review harbor mooring procedures for 2012.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Landers presented two invoices for warden services from WELSCO that he will provide to Mr. Dinsmore for payment.



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MOTION (2): Mr. Murin moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.
Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (4-0-0) Motion carried.

D. Ex-officio

Mr. Birmingham had indicated that he would not be attending the meeting and to pass along any items to be brought before the BoS at their meeting on Wednesday.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Sub-Committees. There were no Reports from Sub-Committees.

B. Discussion of Dowling Dock Application at 285 Black Point Road

Chairman Landers suggested this item be deleted from the Agenda for lack of feedback from the Design Engineer.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

Letter from John Pinto, President, CT Harbor Management Association regarding the Annual Dinner Meeting of the CHMA November 3rd, 2011.

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

Mr. Schutt stated he had introduced this Agenda item and had decided to recommend it be deleted because of the complexity of the situation. He then recommended it be retained based on the recent concerns expressed by Mr. Molino and the statement by Chairman Landers in the Delegation Section of these Minutes.

7. Comments from other Commission Members

Members discussed the importance of following the mooring permit procedures with respect to accurate GPS locations, year round identification (permit numbers on mooring ball and winter sticks), and compliance with minimum mooring standards. All in attendance agreed that lessons continue to be learned as we implement the mooring regulations and open communications will continue to ensure the safety and enjoyment of our harbor management area.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (3): Mr. Murin moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:54 P.M.. Seconded by Mr. Schutt (4-0-0) Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marvin Schutt
Acting Recording Secretary