



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Treasurer
Stephen Dinsmore

Secretary
Barbara Johnston

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Tuesday, December 21, 2010

7:30 PM, East Lyme Town Hall
108 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Niantic, CT 06357

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Barbara Johnston, Treasurer Steven Dinsmore, Rick Kanter, and Bill Mountzoures

Also Present: Harbor Master Joe Hitchery and Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger

Absent: Greg Murin, Marvin Schutt, and John Birmingham, Ex-officio

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Landers called to order the December 21, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission at 7:30 PM.

MOTION (1): Mr. Mountzoures moved to add to this evening's Agenda under New Business, C. Election of Officers. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF November 17, 2010

The following corrections were noted: On the first page under Absent delete Shellfish Warden before Rick Kanter's name.

Under 4. Reports put Harbor Master in lower case and remove mooring permit status.

The first paragraph to be revised as follows: "Mr. Hitchery informed the Commission that he and Don Landers responded to a previous Hartford Courant editorial opinion entitled "Free the Moorings". Their response was published in the Courant on September 25, 2010. Positive comments were received from members of the Commission."

The second paragraph to be revised as follows: "Mr. Hitchery and Mr. Schutt met with Mr. Bob Scott of Pine Grove regarding the Pine Grove Charter and DEP's authority over its docks and pole moorings. Pine Grove is waiting for a response from DEP.

Delete the third paragraph.

The fifth paragraph to be revised as follows: “Mr. Hitchery reported revised mooring forms have been put on the website, and permit stickers for 2011 have been received.”

Under C. Treasurer’s Report the third paragraph to be revised as follows: “Mr. Hitchery reported revised mooring forms have been put on the website, and the permit stickers for 2011 have been received.”

MOTION (2): Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2010, as amended. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Kanter abstained from voting. Unanimous (4-0-1)

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2, 2010.

MOTION (3): Mr. Kanter moved to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2010, as presented. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Mr. Dinsmore abstained from voting. Unanimous (4-0-1)

3. PUBLIC DELEGATIONS

There were no public delegations.

4. REPORTS

A. Shellfish Warden. The Shellfish Warden was absent. Mr. Kanter reported the scallop season has opened. Demarcation signs have been taken in. Water sampling is being done.

B. Harbor Master. Mr. Hitchery reported the barge has been removed. Renewal mooring permit applications will be sent out in January.

Mr. Kanter reported during a storm a commercial boat became loose and dragged to Keeney Cove. Captain John and the Coast Guard were informed. The boat has been retrieved.

C. Treasurer’s Report Mr. Dinsmore reported he received a bill from WELSCO for Warden services in the amount of \$15.

Mr. Hitchery gave Mr. Dinsmore two checks.

The Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission's budget will need to be prepared. He asked Commission members to inform him of any items they feel are needed.

MOTION (4): Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Unanimous (5-0)

D. Ex-officio. Mr. Birmingham was unable to be present.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harbor Management Plan. There was no report on the Harbor Management Plan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Correspondence. The following correspondence was received:

An announcement of a gathering of shellfish commissions on January 8, 2011 at Sound School. The cost is \$20.

A reminder from DA/BA was sent regarding importation of shellfish and things this Commission should consider.

Mr. Landers reported this Commission has received a proposal from R&B Fisheries, Inc. They have 3 principals on their team. He asked Commission members if they were interested in inviting them to a meeting of this Commission and have them review our Harbor Management Plan. Mr. Berger informed the Commission this organization is dedicated to fishing, and they are worth considering. There was a general consensus to invite R & B Fisheries, Inc. to a meeting of this Commission to discuss their proposal.

A tentative determination from CTDEP was received for the Black Point Beach Club Association proposed dock.

A notice from Don Gerwick, Consultant representing Mr. Sanga of 4 Hill Road. This application was noticed in The Day on December 6, and Mike Fullan, Consultant representing himself and Mr. Aarsand at 100 Old Black Point Road. This application has been noticed in The Day on November 23, 2010.

Mr. Landers received a telephone call from a gentlemen interested in a soft shell clam fishery in the Niantic River. Mr. Landers suggested that he visit the Town webpage

and Shellfish Management Plan. This Commission can invite him to an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Berger reported there has been discussion at an informational Lobster Meeting this evening for closure from April to September.

An application was received from Docko for a dock at the end of Old Black Point. Mr. Landers suggested inviting Mr. Neilson to give a presentation on his opinion on engineering requirements for this dock to remain in tact.

Mr. Berger left the meeting.

B. Discussion of No Wake Zone for Niantic River. This matter was tabled until Mr. Schutt was in attendance.

C. Election of Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission Officers for 2011.

MOTION 5: Mr. Mountzoures moved to open the nominations for Election of Officers. Seconded by Mr. Dinsmore.
(5-0) Unanimous.

MOTION 6: Mr. Dinsmore moved to nominate Don Landers as Chairman for 2011. Seconded by Ms. Johnston.
(5-0) Unanimous.

There were no other nominations for Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

MOTION 7: Mr. Mountzoures moved to close nominations for Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Ms. Johnston.
(5-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Mr. Landers was unanimously elected Chairman of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

MOTION 8: Mr. Mountzoures moved to open nominations for Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Kanter.
(5-0) Unanimous.

MOTION 9: Mr. Dinsmore moved to nominate Barbara Johnston as Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

There were no other nominations for Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

MOTION 10: Mr. Mountzoures moved to close nominations for Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Barbara Johnston was unanimously elected Secretary of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

MOTION 11: Mr. Mountzoures moved to open nominations for Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Kanter. (5-0) Unanimous.

MOTION 12: Ms. Johnston moved to nominate Steve Dinsmore as Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

There were no other nominations for Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

MOTION 13: Ms. Johnston moved to close nominations for Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011. Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. (5-0) Unanimous.

A vote was taken and Mr. Dinsmore was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission for 2011.

7. COMMENTS FROM OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mr. Hitchery reported the Army Corps of Engineers would like anyone on a boat 26' or under and swimmers 100' away from shore to wear a life jacket.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (14): Mr. Dinsmore moved to adjourn the December 21, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission, at 8:10 pm. Seconded by Ms. Johnston. Unanimous (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Ghersi, Recording Secretary