



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, May 18, 2010

Present: Marvin Schutt, Rick Kanter, Don Landers, Chairman, Stephen Dinsmore, Treasurer, Barbara Johnston, Secretary

Also Present: Harbor Master Joe Hitchery, Cliff Kramm, Resident

Absent: Greg Murin, Bill Mountzoures

1. Call to Order

Mr. Landers, Chairman called to order the May 18, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management / Shellfish Commission at 7:35 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 16, 2010

MOTION (1)

Mr. Dinsmore moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010 as submitted.

Seconded by Mrs. Johnston.

Mr. Hitchery asked to correct the statement of pole moorings and asked that the last sentence read "that the pole moorings that were blocking public access at Smith Street were taken care of which was reflected in the October 20, 2010 minutes" not "pole moorings that pose a safety hazard".

Mr. Kanter asked to correct under MOTION 2, the very last sentence, he asked that the wording be changed from "temporary rite of way" to "temporary regulation".

Mrs. Johnston wanted to correct under MOTION 2, last sentence, she wanted it known it was the suggestion of Mr. Hitchery for traffic lights not hers.

Mrs. Johnston requested that the recording secretary put the permit number of all permit applications in the minutes. Mr. Landers pointed out that not all permit applications have numbers.

Mrs. Johnston pointed out that there was a typing error of "Coat" Guard that should have read "Coast" Guard.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Public Delegations

Mr. Cliff Kramm of 6 Boston Post Road, East Lyme, addressed the Commission to inform them that he would be doing some seawall work under a general permit for minor seawall repair. The work was being done on his property and he demonstrated the area to the Commission with drawings and photos. He has contacted the DEP for approval as well.

4. Reports

A. Shellfish Warden

Mr. Kanter said they have attempted to set up a patrol schedule with the wardens and he will have more information at the next meeting.



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B. Harbor Master – Mooring Permit Status

Mr. Hitchery said there were 127 renewals that have been processed and there were 11 applications for new moorings which he has processed, and he is holding approximately 20 others that require inspection forms that have not been submitted. He has received in the mail a Notice of Availability of Boating Infrastructure Grants from the DEP, for transient tie up opportunities for non trailer-able recreational boats of 26 feet and over in length. He distributed copies to the Commission. Mr. Landers said that he has forwarded the information to Mr. Formica and asked him to forward it to all pertinent Marina personnel.

Mr. Hitchery said he had an on-site meeting with the Project Engineer, Gary Nash of Cianbro Corporation that is doing the construction work for Amtrak, he was very accommodating and more than willing to work with the Commission to keep everyone informed. Mr. Hitchery has inspected the mooring buoys that have been placed beyond the barrier, and there are two 10,000 pound moorings, this had already been discussed with the Coast Guard and the DEP. Their purpose is to secure two barges, the minimum distance of their swing to the channel will be 236 feet. Mr. Landers asked what the moorings were, if they were concrete blocks, Mr. Hitchery said he would find out. Mr. Kanter asked if the barges were lit at night. Mr. Hitchery said they were lighted with flashing strobe lights that flash every two seconds, there is one on the ball and one on each corner of the barge. The barges are currently 135 feet long, and will be replaced next year with larger barges.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore reported that \$1,025.00 (one thousand twenty five dollars) has been deposited bringing the balance to date of \$3,075.00 (three thousand seventy five dollars), for mooring permits. There were no bills this month. He was unable to contact the Finance office for the exact amount of the donation to the clock from the Kumpitch Fund. Mr. Landers commented on correspondence from Pat Kelly regarding warden patrols and water sampling and the intentions of dividing this expenditure amongst the three towns. Mr. Dinsmore said he believed it would be 35% for the town of East Lyme.

MOTION (2)

Mr. Schutt moved to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Kanter.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

D. Ex-Officio

There was no report.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Subcommittees

Mr. Dinsmore was waiting to here if the request for funding for the revision to the Harbor Management Plan made it into the capital expenditure, which was up for vote this coming Thursday.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

Mr. Landers distributed for review, a copy of the letter he had written to the Coast Guard on behalf of the Harbor Management Commission, regarding the Amtrak project.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Dinsmore moved to accept the letter as written.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.



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Mr. Landers called for discussion.

Mr. Kanter suggested that the wording of “measures to avoid any tragic events” should be changed to “avoid any events”, the suggestion for traffic control personnel would open up a lot of liability, also traffic lights and rules of the road, traffic lights are usually just for opening and closing the bridge, so he felt that one set of traffic lights would not alleviate the problem. He was in favor of the letter regardless. Mr. Dinsmore felt that the issues mentioned would be more effectively handled if discussed face to face, and hoped that the letter would open that dialogue.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

There was a notice from the DEP that the application for the dock installation at the property of Mr. Gillig, Smith Cove, was approved. Application # 201001805.

There was an application for a kayak boat launch at the Black Point Beach Club on Old Black Point Road. Mr. Landers distributed this amongst the members for review to determine if it was consistent with the Harbor Management Plan. Mrs. Johnston pointed out that the launch is already in existence. Mr. Dinsmore commented that this meant this was not an application for an installation, just compliance.

MOTION (4)

Mrs. Johnston moved to accept the application for the Black Point Beach Club, kayak launch as consistent with the Harbor Management Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion carried 5-0-0.

B. Plan of Conservation and Development (update chapter 5- Coastal Area)

Mr. Landers said the only thing to add would be reference to some of the newer documents since the plan was updated, such as the Shellfish Management Plan and the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan. Mrs. Johnston said she attended the Steering Committee of the POCD and they do not intend to put the entire Watershed Protection Plan in, only parts of it. She said they want to have it completed by October and she felt the need for a meeting to review Chapter 5. Mr. Landers said he did not see a point in including that report as long as it was referenced, so that the reader could locate it. Mr. Landers agreed to send a copy of the Chapter to everyone via e-mail and would suggest dates for a special meeting.

7. Comments from Other Commission Members

Mr. Kanter said there was a notice for an annual public boaters meeting with Amtrak at the Radisson Hotel in New London on Thursday night.

He also added that at the last meeting he asked about moorings attached to trolley lines needing a COP or if they could be under general permit approved by the Harbor Master. He has talked with the DEP and it can be done under general permit with just the Harbor Master’s approval.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (5)

Mr. Dinsmore moved to adjourn the May 18, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Shellfish Commission at 8:20 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion Carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoe Zrakas, Recording Secretary