



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, March 16, 2010
7:30 PM, East Lyme Town Hall
108 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Niantic, CT 06357

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

Absent: Greg Murin, Bill Mountzoures

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Dinsmore, acting as Chairman called to order the March 16, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 7:35 PM.

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

MOTION (1)

Mr. Schutt moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2010 as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Kanter.

Mr. Kanter had questions regarding the vote for approval of the minutes and how it was recorded.

There was discussion as to the parliamentary procedure and whether or not the vote carried. It was decided that it did not.

Motion carried 3-0-1.

Those in favor, Mr. Schutt, Mr. Dinsmore, Mr. Kanter.

Mrs. Johnston abstains.

MOTION (2)

Mrs. Johnston moved to add the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 19, 2010 to the Agenda for approval.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Mr. Dinsmore asked for discussion.

Mrs. Johnston said she would like the following items corrected:

She would like anyone who attends the meeting to have their title added to their name to clarify who they are.

Mr. Fred Gillig was not on the Agenda and she said that perhaps the Agenda is distributed too early.

She asked that the ramp and the float be removed after the season regarding the presentation with



Mr. Fred Gillig, and requested that this be added to the minutes.

Mrs. Johnston wanted to correct Mr. Berger regarding the sand issue in Giants Neck, that the proper terminology is “harvesting” the sand.

Mr. Dinsmore called for a vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular meeting of January 19, 2010 as amended.

Motion carried 3-0-1.

Those in favor Mr. Schutt, Mr. Dinsmore, Mrs. Johnston.

Mr. Kanter abstains.

3. Public Delegations

There were none.

4. Reports

A. Warden

There was no report.

B. Harbor Master – Mooring Permit Status

Mr. Hitchery reported that there were ninety five (95) returns for mooring permits. There was originally 188 permit renewals sent out, eighty (80) of these have been processed and stickers sent. Approximately seventeen (17) were received as of today and there were eight (8) that Mr. Hitchery had questions about. Mr. Hitchery said there were seven (7) that required inspection.

Mr. Berger commented on the procedure for soliciting bids from the contractors that will be hauling the moorings. Mr. Berger said that he and Mr. Hitchery were working on a plan for this process and would be presenting this for review at the April Meeting.

Mrs. Johnston asked if the procedure for the removal and disposing of moorings had been approved at the last meeting. She had questions regarding some of the terminology in this procedure. Her questions were discussed and answered with Mr. Hitchery and Mr. Berger.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore said that the only bills received were secretarial bills that he signed this evening. He reported that he had deposited checks in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) for mooring permits.

He mentioned that there is a budget defense meeting coming up on Wednesday March 23, 2010.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Landers moved to approve the Treasurer’s report as submitted.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Those in favor Mr. Kanter, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Schutt, Mr. Landers.

D. Ex-Officio

There was no report.



5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Subcommittees

There was no report.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

Mr. Dinsmore said they had received some correspondence from the Connecticut Harbor Management Association. Mr. Landers said he had sent the information to all via e-mail. He reported that there was a letter sent to the Office of Policy and Management at the Capital Building regarding Boating funds for registration and taxes, half of which is being kept by the state instead of returning it to the town. The letter was in attempt to reinstate the money. The approximate amount of money for the town of East Lyme is between fifteen (\$15,000) and eighteen (\$18,000) dollars. Mr. Landers asked for the Commission's approval to write a letter to Dr. Pinto to support the efforts of reinstating the funds.

There was a notice of determination from the DEP regarding an application for Mr. Pat Albergo for the installation of a dock at 6 Hill Road East Lyme.

There was information regarding a COP for the Giants Neck area where additional rocks needed to be added to the original installation to redesign the outflow.

MOTION (4)

Mr. Schutt moved to approve Mr. Landers writing a letter on behalf of the Commission regarding the reinstatement of funds from the state from boating expenditures.

Seconded by Mrs. Johnston.

Motion carried 4-0-0.

Those in favor Mr. Schutt, Mr. Kanter, Mr. Landers, Mrs. Johnston.

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

Mrs. Johnston said she has done a good deal of review and there is a lot of wording that needs to be corrected but overall she doesn't think there are too many changes required. Mr. Landers agreed. There was discussion about a special meeting to review what needed to be updated. Mr. Landers said he would send what was necessary to everyone via e-mail and a special meeting would be scheduled to review.

C. Review Niantic Dockominium COP

Mr. Keith Neilson, of Docko Inc. had three (3) presentations for bulkhead restorations.

1. Niantic Dockominiums of Smith Avenue, Mr. Neilson explained the plans and the request for a COP. Mr. Dinsmore said that this was informational and the Commission was not required to comment at this time.

2. Boats Inc. of Niantic, Mr. Neilson explained the details of the plan and the need for a COP. There is currently a site plan that has been approved by the Zoning Commission for this project including a concrete wash down pad.



3. Grand Avenue Boat Launch area, Mr. Neilson explained the details of the plan and the need for a COP.

7. Comments from Other Commission Members

Mr. Schutt reported on the Marina Summit, he highlighted the details of the minutes that he had taken. These minutes are included as attachment 1.

Mrs. Johnston had additions to the report, they are as follows:

The work schedule will change from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

The trains will be dumping materials on the south side.

Niantic Yacht Club would make a VHF channel available to the public for communication and to coordinate pick ups and drop offs.

Mr. Landers said there would be a meeting at Camp Rell on March 22, 2010 at 5:00 PM with Amtrak, The Coast Guard and the Army Core of Engineers to keep the public apprised of the schedule and any anticipated inconvenience.

Mr. Kanter said that Pat Kelly, Chairman of the Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission was trying to arrange a meeting with DEP, Mr. Calkins, and DDA on Thursday at 1:00 PM regarding communications.

Mr. Kanter commented that he saw on the internet someone advertising a mooring for rent.

Mrs. Johnston suggested that the money in the Kumpitsch fund be donated towards the clock that will be placed at the walkway at the Hole in The Wall.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Schutt moved to approve donating the money remaining in the Kumpitsch fund to the clock being placed at the walkway at the Hole in the Wall.

Seconded by Mr. Landers.

Motion carried 3-0-1.

Those in favor Mr. Schutt, Mr. Landers, Mrs. Johnston.

Mr. Kanter abstains.

Mr. Landers wanted to mention that Mr. Mike Theiler will not be doing any commercial harvesting this season.

Mrs. Johnston said she attended the Waterford Harbor Management Commission and that they have received a grant for Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and that they will be purchasing a patrol boat.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (6)

Mr. Schutt moved to adjourn the March 16, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Shellfish Commission at 9:01 PM.

Seconded by Mrs. Johnston.

Motion Carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Zoe Zrakas, Recording Secretary