TOWN OF EAST LYME

EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman	Treasurer	Secretary
Donald F. Landers Jr.	**Stephen Dinsmore**	**Frank Skewes**

REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of Tuesday, December 15, 2009

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

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Frank Skewes, Treasurer Steven Dinsmore, Barbara Johnston, Greg Murin, Bill Mountzoures, and Marvin Schutt

Absent: None

Also Present: Harbor Master Joe Hitchery, Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger, Jack Hogan, ex-officio, and Jaxon Vibber

1 Call to Order

Chairman Landers opened the Regular Meeting at 7:30 PM.

2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 17, 2009

MOTION 1: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2009 was made by Mr. Schutt, seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Motion carried (7-0)

3 Public Delegations

None.

4 Old Business

A. Mooring Permits

Harbor Master Hitchery reported on the process for mooring permit renewal. He stated that a forwarding letter and a renewal application containing permit number and position (lat/long) would be sent to all current mooring permit holders. Of the 187 permitted moorings, 110 do not need inspection; 77 do need inspection. The letters and applications will be sent out in January, with a request to return the applications by March 1st. A mooring sticker printed with the year "2010" will be sent back to the mooring permit holder with an approved permit. After June 1st, moorings that have not been renewed will be subject to removal.

B. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Sub-Committees

No report. The sub-committee chairman was on travel.

5 New Business

A. Correspondence

1. A letter from Don Gerwick notifying the Commission that a legal notice had been posted in The Day newspaper concerning proposed activity by Pat Albergo at 6 Hill Rd, East Lyme.

B. Schedule of Meetings for 2010

MOTION 2: A motion to approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2010 was made by Mr. Dinsmore, seconded by Ms. Johnston. Motion carried (7-0)

C. Election of Officers

Mr. Skewes stated that he should not be considered for reelection to the position of Secretary, because he would be resigning from the Commission this year.

MOTION 3: A motion to open nominations for Commission officers was made by Ms. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Motion carried (7-0)

A slate of Officers was nominated consisting of:
Chairman – Don Landers
Treasurer – Steve Dinsmore
Secretary – Barbara Johnston

MOTION 4: A motion to close nominations for Commission officers was made by Mr. Murin, seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Motion carried (7-0)

MOTION 5: A motion to elect the Slate of Commission officers was made by Mr. Murin, seconded by Mr. Mountzoures. Motion carried (7-0)

D. Plan of Conservation Development (update to chapter 5 – Coastal Area)

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

6 Reports

A. Shellfish Warden

No Report.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported on various activities, including mooring pole removal, the process for mooring removal, an abandoned boat, the boat that came off its mooring during the last storm, and mooring removals.

He presented to the Treasurer bills for supplies, and invoices for mooring removal work performed by Mr. Vibber.

He pointed out that the fees for moorings in the Town of Old Saybrook were much larger than the fees that the Town of East Lyme charges.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinmore reported that he had received a budget submittal request from the Town. He suggested that funds be reallocated from shellfish warden expenses to maintenance of the harbor.

Chairman Landers reported on a meeting he had with the Town on the subject of separation of Commission funds. He also suggested that a request for capital funding to update the Harbor Management Plan be added to the budget.

Mr. Dinsmore reported that Mike Thieler was paid up for his shellfish leases, but that Jim Markow had not been keeping his lease up to date.

MOTION 6: A motion to send a letter to Jim Markow informing him of the intent to suspend his shellfishing lease was made by Mr. Murin, seconded by Ms. Johnston. Motion carried (7-0)

MOTION 7: Mr. Schutt moved to Accept the Treasurer's report. Mr. Murin Seconded. Motion carried (7-0)

D. Ex-Officio

Mr. Hogan reported that Planning will be updating the Plan of Conservation and Development and needs the input from our commission. He also reported that the Town is looking into creating an Agriculture Commission which would include aquaculture.

7 Comments from other Commission Members

Mr. Hitchery stated that he would like a letter sent to commend Carmen Ames for her work getting the mooring documents updated on the Town's web page.

Mr. Landers stated that he would like a letter sent to Mr. Skewes for his service on the Commission.

8 Adjournment

MOTION 8: Mr. Skewes moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 PM, seconded by Mr. Dinsmore. Motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Skewes, Secretary