



TOWN OF EAST LYME
EAST LYME HARBOR MANAGEMENT/SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Chairman
Donald F. Landers Jr.

Treasurer
Stephen Dinsmore

Secretary
Frank Skewes

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of Tuesday, August 18, 2009
7:30 PM, East Lyme Town Hall
108 Pennsylvania Ave.,
Niantic, CT 06357

Present: Chairman Don Landers, Secretary Frank Skewes, Treasurer Steven Dinsmore, Marvin Schutt, Greg Murin, Barbara Johnston (Arrived 7:35)

Absent: Bill Mountzoures

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

1 Call to Order

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

2 Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009

MOTION 1: A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009 was made by Mr. Schutt, seconded by Ms. Dinsmore. Motion carried (5-0)

3 Public Delegations

Joe Costa, 103 Spring Glen Rd. and David Cruz, 171 Old Black Point Rd, Giants Neck Heights Association requested information about mooring policies in the Giants Neck area. John Moran 260 Roxbury Rd. asked about how mooring sites were retired so that they could become available to other mooring applicants.

4 Old Business

A. Mooring Permits

Mr. Skewes reported that approximately 175 applications for regular moorings been approved and permits had been issued, and that no new applications had been received in the past week.

B. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Sub-Committees

Steve Dinsmore reported. He Passed out sections of Chapter 1 for review of comment incorporation and other sections for initial update review.

5 New Business

A. Correspondence

1. Mooring permit application correspondence
2. Bills for Treasurer
3. Email notice about Connecticut Harbor Management Association dinner meeting on September 24, 2009 in Branford at Woodwinds.

4. NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service invitation to an Open House on Saturday, October 17, 2009.
5. DEP approval for DEP culvert work in Rocky Neck/Giants Neck area

B. Explore opening additional shellfishing areas in Niantic Bay

Chairman Landers stated that he had contacted DA/BA regarding the status of our MOU and the possibility of opening additional areas in the bay.

6 Reports

A. Shellfish Warden

Don Landers reported on shellfish water sampling and warden activities.

B. Harbor Master

Mr. Hitchery reported that he had verified the pollution report in the river. He is considering closing certain mooring areas, including Golden Spur, Bishops Cove and Giants Neck. He asked that an agenda item be added for next month's meeting to discuss mooring removal policies.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore reported we had paid the invoiced for Save the River/ Save the Hills, received a Secretary's bill for payment. He received a bill from WELSCO for warden hours. .

MOTION 2: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Mr. Skewes and seconded by Mr. Schutt. Motion carried (6-0).

D. Ex-Officio

No Report.

7 Comments from other Commission Members

Don Landers asked members whether they would be available to attend the next normally scheduled meeting of the Waterford Harbor Management Commission.

A template for beach associations to convey mooring information was provided by Barbara Johnston. She also presented information about how mooring application reviews should consider visibility of tie off pilings. She also noted that the review period for the DEP's draft dock regulations was coming up.

8 Adjournment

MOTION 3: Mr. Skewes moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:00 PM, seconded by Mr. Dinsmore. Motion carried (6-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank Skewes, Secretary