



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, April 20, 2010

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

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

1. Call to Order

Mr. Landers, Chairman called to order the April 20, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Commission at 7:35 PM.

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

MOTION (1)

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

Seconded by Mr. Dinsmore.

Mr. Schutt asked to correct the statement under Correspondence, Item 6A regarding a COP for the Giants Neck area for additional rocks to be added to redesign the outflow, this project is actually the Rocky Neck Culvert project and should not read Giants Neck.

Motion carried 5-0-1.

Mr. Mountzoures abstains.

3. Public Delegations

Deputy Harbor Master Marc Berger requested that the Harbor Management Commission write a letter to the Coast Guard and to Amtrak requesting that there be no closures at any time. This is creating a great inconvenience to all Charter Boats and private boats, and also poses a problem if there was to be an emergency in the harbor. There was discussion about the current closing schedule. Mr. Landers commented on the inconvenience and frustration amongst boaters, however he didn't see how the bridge could be built without closures. He didn't feel he was in a position to request that there be no closures at all, although a letter supporting the boating community and the marinas was in order. Mr. Berger said his concern was closures during the prime boating season, and the inconvenience to both private and commercial boaters. Mr. Murin commented on safety issues with smaller boats. Mrs. Johnston said she has had communication with Captain John who will be writing a letter to the Coast Guard addressing the safety issues. There was discussion about the Barge blocking the view for traffic and the difficulties this poses. Mr. Landers agreed to compose a letter expressing the frustration with the process, the concerns about safety, inconvenience to private and commercial boaters, and also the economic impact.

MOTION (2)

Mrs. Johnston moved to approve the letter be written.

Mr. Kanter commented that the Coast Guard has the authority to issue temporary



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regulations and perhaps the letter should request a temporary right of way. Mr. Dinsmore suggested moorings be in place for any boaters who may be caught due to the closures. Mr. Murin agreed with Mr. Berger that we could request no closures during the boating season and that larger equipment could be used for the construction of the bridge. Mr. Schutt commented on liability and safety and who was actually responsible. Mr. Hitchery spoke about safety and traffic, he agreed with Mrs. Johnston's suggestion for traffic lights. There was further discussion about this.

Seconded by Mr. Mountzoures.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

4. Reports

A. Warden

There was no report.

B. Harbor Master – Mooring Permit Status

Mr. Hitchery said he had concerns about the small boat channel under the bridge being blocked. He felt there were two separate issues, the closures of the channel and the traffic control and both need to be monitored. As for the Mooring report, Mr. Hitchery said he had received 118 (one hundred eighteen) renewals, 80 (eighty) stickers have been sent out, 38 (thirty eight) of these required inspection. Mr. Hitchery and Mr. Berger presented the Commission with an East Lyme Mooring Removal Procedure and Bid Form to be reviewed and discussed. The purpose of this form is to retain services for hauling and removing moorings in three specified areas of East Lyme, Niantic River, Niantic Bay and Giants Neck. The process was discussed and questions answered. Mr. Schutt asked about pole moorings and how they were being handled. Mr. Hitchery explained there was no specific inspection process. He has addressed the identifiable pole moorings by assigning numbers to them and leaving instructions for the owners. There is a description regarding regulations for pole moorings within the Harbor Management Plan. There was discussion regarding the permitting process. Mr. Kanter asked if a pole mooring was regulated by the DEP as a dock would be. Mr. Hitchery read the definition of a mooring according to DEP regulations. Mr. Kanter believed that any piling had to be regulated by the DEP. There was further discussion regarding this permit procedure. Mr. Berger commented that the plan for these moorings has been delayed due to the need for further investigation of policy. Pole moorings that posed a safety hazard have been taken care of.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Mountzoures moved to approve the Bid Form as presented.

Seconded by Mrs. Johnston.

Motion Carried 6-0-0.

C. Treasurer

Mr. Dinsmore said there was a presentation to the Board of Finance of the Budget for 2010-2011 and there was no indication that anything would be changed. There was mention that they would not act on funding for the Harbor Management Plan update until next year. He has deposited \$2,050.00 (two thousand fifty dollars) year to date for Mooring Permits. There were no bills to present for this month. Mr. Landers commented on warden patrols and the possibility of additional expenditures to that line item in the next few months. Mr. Kanter said it was discussed at the WELSCO meeting that more patrolling needed to be done and it was discussed with the wardens. Mrs. Johnston asked what the balance was in the



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Kumpitsch fund. Mr. Dinsmore said he had asked Mrs. Johnson in the finance department to apply the balance in the Kumpitsch fund to the “clock” and to advise him of the amount.

MOTION (4)

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

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion carried 6-0-0.

D. Ex-Officio

There was no report.

5. Old Business

A. Harbor Management Plan – Reports from Subcommittees

This was discussed in the Treasurer’s report that there would be no funding towards this item, this year.

6. New Business

A. Correspondence

There were four pieces of Correspondence

1. COP for an Osprey platform in Smith Cove.
 2. COP for Boats Inc. Bulkhead Restoration.
 3. COP for the Town of East Lyme, Grand Street, Bulkhead Restoration and Launch Ramp replacement.
 4. COP State Permit for the Bride Brook\Rocky Neck Culvert project.
- All correspondence was reviewed by Commission members for discussion.

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

There was no report.

7. Comments from Other Commission Members

Mrs. Johnston commented on the parking lot that Amtrak is using. She said there is a letter being drafted to the Coat Guard. She feels there is wasted space in Cini Park that should be used for parking for the Black Hawk and other boating. Mr. Schutt said this was discussed at a meeting he attended and there is a plan in place to provide more parking in this area for the Black Hawk and other purposes.

8. Adjournment

MOTION (5)

Mr. Mountzoures moved to adjourn the April 20, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Harbor Management Shellfish Commission at 9:00 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Schutt.

Motion Carried 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Zoe Zrakas, Recording Secretary