

Regular Meeting Minutes  
The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission – In Person  
January 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM

**1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

**Attendance:** David Acosta, Mike Magee (secretary), Teri Lewis (co-chair), Michael Presti (co-chair), George Finley, Chris Staab, Tom Meyer, Matthew Lynch (Harbormaster / ex-officio), Rob Stiles (alternate), Sloan Danenhower via phone starting @ 7:03.

**Absent:** Emerson Colwell (alternate)

**Guests:** Mike Arelia, Rebecca Griffin, Richard Shriver, Mayla Guidi

**2. New Permit Applications:**

- a. **Smith Neck Application-** Application for new dock on Smith Neck Rd- Jeffrey Merriam application. Engineer for the applicant gave the commission a formal presentation for the reasons for a larger than 100 sq. R dock due to the location to open water. All agreed and approved the application for DEEP.

**3. HMC Business Reports:**

- a. **Clerks Report:** approved by George Finley and seconded by Mike Barnes
- b. **Treasurer's report-** moving forward, looking into the necessity of having a treasurer now that the town has taken over the books. Tom Kelo will be stepping down due to his very busy schedule with his job. We thank him for all the service he did for our board.
- c. **HMC Openings/Nominations:** 2 alternate positions are available. We are making our recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to move up our next alternate to the permanent board. Decision and the next two applicants who filled out their forms and attended a HMC meeting. Nominations for board positions will stay as they are. Nominated Mr. Presti and Ms. Lewis for co-chair, Mr. Magee secretary. **All approved.**
- d. **2024 Budget Request:** budget has been submitted with the addition of the request for additional funds for Harbor Master.

**4. Old Business:**

- a. **Acknowledgements:** We would like to take this time to thank our many board members with their incredible amount of time and effort on the commission. Mike Magee for all the work on the fence at Horse Neck Creek and the many improvements to Pilgrims Landing. Mike Barnes for the hours of work with getting Buttonball where it is today - a public access. George Finley worked as a representative to Halls Road Bridge committee

along with taking care of our Town Dock down at DEEP. Chris Staab has taken on a new project of documenting, with his drone, every dock in Old Lyme. That will be a great resource for the future.

- b. **Horse Neck Creek:** Fence is installed and more fences will be going in this spring when the weather breaks. Maintenance was discussed at a meeting with the First Selectwoman. In attendance was Mike Presti, Teri Lewis, Mike Barnes, Fred Beringer, Greg Fontane and Mike Aurelia. We all have agreed that the public works will work in tandem with Open Space and the Selectwoman for a regular maintenance schedule.
- c. **Online Mooring Schedule:** Tom Meyer gave an update regarding the letter going out and opening the portal for Jan 15-March 15 applications, new applicants can apply after March 15th when old applicants have the opportunity to renew. Matt Lynch, our Harbor Master, will be added into the system to help input information for the new season.

#### **5. New Business- 2024 Property Steward assignments:**

- a. We are asking each board member to take one access point and assign themselves as the point person and report each meeting.

Horse Neck Creek- Mike Barnes, Sloan D

Pilgrims Landing- Mike Magee

Smith Neck Town Landing- open

Dinghy Dock- George Finley

Tantammaheag Landing- Open

Halls Road Landing- Open

Neck Road Landing- Open

**6. Harbor Master Report:** HM Matt Lynch has reported no moorings are remaining in the harbor to date, ready for a fresh start for the 2024 season. Mr. Lynch also talked about a shared use of the Marine Patrol boat for patrolling in the summer and his qualification to be able to train any personnel from the fire department, EMS or HMC board members.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

George Finley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 PM and Mike Magee seconded.

**SO VOTED.**

The next regular meeting of the HMC will be on February 13th, 2024 at 7:00 PM.