

Regular Meeting Minutes
The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission – In Person
April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members Present: Mike Barnes, Emerson Colwell (Alternate), Sloan Danenhowe, Mike Magee (Secretary), Tom Meyer, Harry Plaut (ex-officio), Teri Lewis (Vice-chair), Christopher Staab, Michael Presti (Co-Chair), George Finley

Members Present Virtual: Chris Staab, Tom Kelo (Treasurer)

Absent: David Acosta

Guests: Michael Aurelia (Open Space Commission)

Vice-chair Michael Presti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Emerson Colwell was seated for David Acosta.

2. HMC BUSINESS REPORTS

a. Clerk's Report: approve HMC meeting minutes for March 14, 2023

Ms. Lewis moved to accept the meeting minutes of March 14, 2023 and Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

b. Treasurer's Report (Kelo) report for March 2023

Mr. Kelo reported that there was no report available due to internal issues at Town Hall. He would forward the report as soon as he received it.

c. HMC membership openings

There is still one opening for an Alternate Member. Mr. Presti spoke of one interested person that he knows of at this time.

d. Correspondence

OLM – Ms. Lewis reported on her conversation via email with the owner of the Old Lyme Marina. He questioned the increased mooring permit fees, and she was able to explain to him why there was an increase this year.

Mrs. Golet, owner of Binney Road Landing property, has hired an attorney and will follow up with HMC as soon as she has more information about how to move forward.

Mike Magee reported on a conversation he had with Dick Schriver and his wife regarding the usage or storage of the kayak racks at Pilgrim Landing. Mr. Schriver volunteered to monitor the usage, as opposed to storage, of kayaks on the racks.

3. NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

a. 9 Devitt Road – New Dock Permit

Ms. Lewis reported that changes are being made to the proposed plan, and once complete the application will come to the HMC for review.

4. OLD BUSINESS

a. On-line mooring system – implementation and process update – Meyer

Mr. Meyer reported that the on-line mooring rate will increase by one dollar per mooring. Mr. Meyer will review the contract to see just when this increase will happen.

Mr. Meyer reported:

Status	Private Count	Commercial Count	Kayak Count
Approved	54	0	0
Renewal Under Review	16	0	0
Application Under Review	9	0	9
Renewal Incomplete	80	4	0
Canceled	6	0	0

Follow Up/ Actions:

- Continue private permit processing
- Continue kayak processing
- Deliver stickers as appropriate
- Finalize District 1 dinghy/kayak spaces

Other

- Communications sent to Tackle Servicers
- Added D. Rutan (CT River Dock and Dredge) to list of Tackle Servicers
- Six dinghy rack spaces spoken for at Pilgrim Landing
- Sticker invoice submitted for payment
- Complete signage for PL racks

b. 36-1 Buttonball Update – sub-committee was dissolved

Mr. Barnes reported that the sub-committee has completed their task and the committee has been dissolved. Ms. Lewis will send a copy to HMC members of the list of recommendations and next steps that was sent to the Selectmen. There was a discussion about signage and HMC will work together with Open Space on this.

c. Halls Road – Lt. River water access update – Finley

Mr. Finley updated the HMC about progress regarding the proposed bow bridge and water access to Lt. River. He will continue to update the HMC as the Halls Road Improvement Committee moves along with the project.

d. Pilgrim Landing – signage, parking, kayak rack update

Ms. Lewis reported on the volunteer work that was done at Pilgrim Landing to date, and what to expect in the future. Public Works is involved with the improvements and will be placing seven car bumpers for parking. A Jersey Barrier will be placed mostly underground to direct water and to hold the earth around it in place thus preventing erosion. Ms. Lewis volunteered to place violation stickers on any kayaks placed on the rack without a permit.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Winter / Spring 2023 Initiatives

Items discussed during the meeting.

b. Harbormaster Job Description Review – Lewis and Presti

Ms. Lewis had sent out the revised job description to members. There was a discussion with some questions and clarifications from Mr. Meyer. Mr. Meyer requested that members send him any other changes or suggestions for the document within one week. He will make appropriate changes and present to the HMC for approval.

c. HMC Charter Update – project leader solicitation

This item was tabled until a later date.

d. Binney Road Access

This was discussed under correspondence. Mr. Aurelia (Open Space Commission) would be happy to have OSC involved. It was agreed that Land Trust should also be involved.

e. Hains Park Sub-committee

Ms. Lewis reported that she will serve on the newly-formed sub-committee for Enhancements to Hains Park. She will keep the HMC informed each month.

f. Sound View Commission – Letter to Selectmen from HMC

Ms. Lewis has drafted a letter and will send to Mr. Kelo for his review. Mr. Kelo stated that there is basically ten years of problems at Sound View that have not been addressed by law enforcement. This letter will be sent from the Selectmen to the proper law enforcement agencies and also to Devin Carney.

6. HARBORMASTER

a. Harbormaster activity report (Plaut)

Mr. Plaut reported that one green and two red cans will be placed on thursday at the entrance to Black Hall River. Two transient moorings will also be placed on thursday near Calves Island. The HMC members were in agreement that the “NO WAKE” sign will not be placed this year.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barnes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM and Chris Staab seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

The next meeting of the HMC will be on May 9, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Garbarino (Clerk)