

Regular Meeting Minutes
The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission
July 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM – Old Lyme Town Hall

1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members Present: David Acosta (Alternate), Emerson Colwell (Alternate), Sloan Danenhower, Mike Magee (Secretary), Tom Meyer, Teri Lewis (Vice-chair), Michael Presti (Co-Chair)

Absent: Mike Barnes, Harry Plaut (ex-officio), Chris Staab, George Finley, Robert Stiles (Alternate)

Guests: Rick Shriver (resident)

Vice-chair Mike Presti called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Emerson Colwell was seated for George Finley and David Acosta was seated for Chris Staab.

2. HMC BUSINESS REPORTS

a. Clerk's Report: approve HMC meeting minutes for June 13, 2023

Mr. Magee moved to accept the meeting minutes of June 13, 2023 and Emerson Colwell seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

b. Treasurer's Report (Kelo) report review for May and June 2023.

Mr. Kelo presented the Treasurer's Report for May and June 2023.

May 1, 2023 Beginning Balance: \$25,308.69, Interest / Dividends: \$51.39. Receipts: \$1,875.00, Disbursements: \$0, Ending Balance: May 31, 2023: \$27,235.08. Beginning Balance June 1, 2023: \$27,235.08, Interest / Dividends: \$61.94, Receipts: \$6,571.00, Disbursements: \$0, Ending Balance: June 30, 2023: \$33,868.02. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

Ms. Lewis mentioned some outstanding bills; one from Mr. Magee for reimbursement and one for the signs for Buttonball property.

c. HMC membership openings

There are presently no openings.

d. Correspondence

Bill Dow – (6/26/23) Sunken mooring off Calves Island. The situation is resolved.

Ms. Lewis asked Mr. Plaut to move the mooring into deeper water and place a violation sticker on it. There is no identification on the ball. If it is not claimed, it will be pulled out.

3. NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

There was a discussion about an application for a dock repair for Hillary C. Reid, 28 Homestead Circle in Old Lyme. At this time no objections were raised.

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

Presented by Tom Meyer

Status	Private Count	Commercial Count	Kayak Count
Approved	83	17	13
Renewal Under Review	11	0	0
Application Under Review	10	0	0
Renewal Incomplete	63	52	N/A

Follow Up/ Actions:

Continue private permit processing sticker delivery

Continue kayak processing (paper forms)

Finalize district 1 dinghy rack spaces (all spaces claimed, working with boaters)

\$100.00 deposited (kayak permit fees)

Initial audit worksheets submitted to chairs

Need fees from OLM

Additional Pilgrims Landing Notes for discussion 11 July

Need a schedule for cleanup of debris at the water's edge

Place a trash can at the site?

IF FOUND stickers/markers can be placed in the kiosk

Go-forward process is for dealing with non-permitted boats being placed on the racks, so that it can be communicated to the permit holders. For example:

Need a “who/when” process & schedule for periodic review of boats on racks (compare stickers)

Who do users contact if a boat is placed on their spot?

What is the preferred contact method?

What is the (specific) process/resolution timeframe, if this occurs?

Mr. Danenhower will contact Glen Abrahamsson from Old Lyme Marina regarding payment on his moorings.

b. 36-1 Buttonball Update – signs installed

Ms. Lewis reported that the trails were cleaned up and signage installed. Public Works was a great help and that it looks beautiful. Mr. Presti will reach out to Open Space Commission members to ask about having some photos taken at Buttonball with HMC members asking local media to be present.

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

Mr. Finley was not present but had reported that he had nothing new to report.

d. Pilgrim Landing – weeds – Magee

Mr. Presti reported that the poison ivy continues to be a big problem and will continue to be treated with a completely organic spray containing household white vinegar, salt and Dawn dish detergent. Other options were discussed to clean up the area with focus on the prevention of vegetative growth around the racks. There was a discussion about a schedule of clean-up by Public Works. Ms. Lewis will reach out to Ed at Public Works.

e. Binney Road access update – Lewis

Ms. Lewis had nothing new to report.

f. Hains Park subcommittee – Lewis

Ms. Lewis reported that the subcommittee had met at Hains Park several weeks ago and discussion of creating a budget (left-over money), a plan, dealing with geese and droppings, new sand and a new playground were discussed. Will meet again next week.

g. Follow-up for Soundview water traffic policing – Presti to present letter for review

Mr. Presti drafted a letter to the Captain of the Port, US Coast Guard requesting increased support for maritime enforcement of safety rules and regulations in the vicinity of Town waterways. It is the hope of the HMC that state, federal and local municipalities can support this request to make our beaches, rivers and bays as safe as possible. The letter was reviewed, and suggestions were to add the name of the Captain of the Port in the address and to include contact information for Mr. Presti and Ms. Lewis.

h. Mooring verification assignments

Mr. Danenhower reported his findings with there being way too many unstickered moorings in the water. There was a discussion about moving forward with this procedure.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Buttonball pier design planning

Ms. Lewis stated that she and Mr. Barnes have been talking with Kevin at DEEP and getting the correct application paperwork. DEEP will use the survey and application for what is desired and dictate back as to what we can do.

6. HARBORMASTER

a. Harbormaster activity report (Plaut)

Mr. Plaut was not present, and no report had been received.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM and Mr. Danenhower seconded the motion.

SO VOTED.

There will be NO meeting in August. Next meeting will be on September 12, 2023.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Garbarino (Clerk)