

Regular Meeting Minutes
The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission – In Person
Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall
January 13, at 7:00 PM

1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members Present: David Acosta, Mike Barnes, Emerson Colwell, Mayla Guidi, Linda Iacobellis (alternate), Teri Lewis (co-chair), Michael Presti (co-chair), Richard Shriner, Mark Walsh (alternate), Harbormaster Matthew Lynch (ex-officio)

Absent: Sloan Danenhower, George Finley

Guest(s): Sergeant Keith Williams (EnCon)

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Mike Presti at 7:02 PM.

Linda Iacobellis was seated for George Finley.

2. HMC BUSINESS REPORTS

a. Clerk's Report: approve HMC meeting minutes for December 9, 2025

Michael Barnes moved to accept the meeting minutes of December 9, 2025, and David Acosta seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

b. Financial Report December 2025 and FY 2026 Budget

Teri Lewis did not have the financial report from Town Hall yet but stated that she knew of no changes from the November report. The FY 2026 budget will be discussed under Harbormaster report.

c. HMC membership openings- 1 open and 3 renewals

There is one opening and S. Danenhower, R. Shriner and M. Guidi are up for renewal

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Guest Keith Williams discussed the roll of EnCon police in Connecticut and how EnCon has been short staffed over the years so it can not always be available to help Old Lyme on the water. There was a discussion about procedures thus giving the commissioners insight.

4. NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS and CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

5. OLD BUSINESS

SHIPP Grant / Municipal Dock update (Mike Presti / Teri Lewis)

The Coastline Consulting initial concept designs for the municipal dock (aka dingy dock, Town dock) were reviewed and discussed. Changes / additions were noted and the project can now be pushed out to the working group with said requests.

Note from Mike Barnes: He had discussed with someone from DEEP regarding the permanent addition of running water at the municipal dock to be a part of the project. It would be such a convenience, and the DEEP representative did not think that it would be a problem at all.

Horseneck Creek dock permit update (Mike Barnes)

Mike Barnes stated that this is still a work in progress.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Goals for 2026 for each HMC access

Pilgrim Landing: Mayla Guidi, Richard Shriver and Linda Iacobellis

Group will present their recommendations for improvements at the next HMC meeting in February.

Horseneck Creek: Mike Barnes and Sloane Danenhower

Town Landing: Mike Presti and Emerson Colwell

Ferry Road: David Acosta, who said it is fine for now. Teri Lewis suggested that with all that is on the HMC's plate that this access area should remain on their radar but placed on a back burner for now.

7. HARBORMASTER REPORT

Matthew Lynch reviewed the FY 2026-2027 budget. Commissioners had some questions and suggestions. No date has been made for the budget to be presented to the BOF for approval. It still needs to be presented to the Selectmen before that can happen.

Matthew Lynch reviewed the 2026-2027 HMC Fund 14 budget. On December 1, 2025, the fund balance was \$33,922.69. For next FY the expenses and income of this fund should be almost the same. Permit fees are set for this year.

Matthew Lynch reviewed his harbormaster report.

Mooring renewal time: January 15 – February 15

27 renewal applications submitted for review, 75 more to go

2 new applications submitted for review

11 commercial moorings submitted for review

THIS IS AN INSPECTION YEAR!

Mooring fees collected YTD: \$2,625

Underway time: 0 hours (boat hauled for the winter)

Regulation markers: new ordinance approved by DEEP, buoy permitting in process

Bridge replacement update: lots of activity, bridge closure from February 11 – March 6

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mayla Guidi moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM and David Acosta seconded the motion.

SO VOTED.

The next meeting of the HMC will be on February 10, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Garbarino (Clerk)