

Regular Meeting Minutes
The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission – In Person
March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM

1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members Present: David Acosta (Alternate), Mike Barnes, Sloan Danenhowe, George Finley, Mike Magee (Secretary), Tom Meyer, Tom Kelo (Treasurer), Teri Lewis (Co-chair), Christopher Staab, Michael Presti (Co-Chair), Emerson Colwell (Alternate)

Absent: Harry Plaut (ex-officio)

Guests: Mike Arelia (Open Space Commission)

Co-chair Mike Presti called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. HMC BUSINESS REPORTS

a. Clerk's Report: approve HMC meeting minutes for February 15, 2023

Teri Lewis moved to accept the meeting minutes of February 15, 2023 and Mike Magee seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

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

Mr. Kelo did not have the treasurer's report at this time and will send it out to members as soon as he has it.

Mr. Kelo moved to pay invoices of \$5,500 to Coastline Consulting and \$255.24 to Computer Signs. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. **SO VOTED.**

Mr. Barnes will submit in the near future for re-imbusement for invoices he paid for CAD drawings in the amounts of \$350 and \$150. These amounts were approved at an earlier date by the HMC.

c. HMC membership openings

There is an opening for one alternate.

d. Correspondence

Ms. Lewis will discuss under new business.

3. NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

9 Devitt Road – New Dock Permit

A coastal permit application to the CT DEEP and New England Army Corps of Engineers to construct a boat dock at 9 Devitt Road was reviewed. There was a discussion and Ms. Lewis will do a call back regarding the size of the floats.

4. OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Meyer gave an overview.

Monthly Mooring Permit Report – 14 March 2023

Status	Private Count	Commercial Count	Kayak Count
Approved	37	0	0
Renewal Under Review	21	0	0
Application Under Review	4	0	7
Renewal Incomplete	93	4	0
Canceled	5	0	0

Follow Up/ Actions:

- Continue private permit processing
- Continue kayak processing
- Deliver stickers as appropriate
- Finalize District 1 dinghy 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
- Recommend signs be created/hung on Pilgrim Landing racks that will have reserved spaces, to supplement the stickers (Tim Griswold input)

b. 36-1 Buttonball Road update – Barnes

Mr. Barnes reported that a meeting was held this morning and that things are going very well. The site plan was agreed upon by both the HMC and OS at the meeting. Inland Wetlands is on board and next it will go to the Board of Selectmen for approval before application will be sent to DEEP. A final site plan will be made as soon as it is appropriate.

Guest Mike Arelia from the Open Space Commission spoke to the HMC regarding his thoughts from Open Space and is happy to work together with the HMC now and on future endeavors.

HMC thanked Mr. Barnes, Ms. Lewis and Mr. Danenhower for all their work on the Buttonball Road project.

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

Mr. Finley reported that he has spoken with Edie Twining and will be attending the sub-committee meeting on March 21. He will have more information after this.

d. Proposed HB5615 to amend the Connecticut Harbor Management Act Response from Rep Devin Carney and Anthony Nolan

Mr. Presti had emailed Anthony Nolan and after not receiving a response he emailed Devin Carney and heard back right away. Rep. Carney is in favor of the changes giving more authority to local Harbor Management Commissions and less to the DEEP.

(CT Bill 5165. AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE PLAN OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT. To (1) amend the process timeline for the revision and adoption of the state plan of conservation and development, and (2) extend to 2025 the application of the plan intended to cover 2018 to 2023, inclusive.)

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Winter / Spring 2023 initiatives

Discussion of the very high tides that are happening causing more than usual debris floating up onshore and at some of the Town Landings. There was a discussion especially regarding the landing at the end of Smith Neck Road. Also mention of having to dredge Rogers Lake at Hains Park in the future.

b. Harbormaster job description review – Lewis and Presti

Ms. Lewis presented a revised Harbormaster Job Description document. HMC members were asked to review it again and email Ms. Lewis with suggestions or changes. This needs to be voted on at next month's HMC meeting.

Mr. Kelo reported on his conversation with Frank Pappalardo, from the Sound View Commission, with regards to the safety problems with boats, jet skis, etc. on the waters at Sound View. The duties of the Harbormaster with regard to dealing with the behavior of the people operating the water vessels was discussed with the HMC members. A letter will be drafted from the Sound View Commission to the HMC and the Selectmen. Then the Selectmen would send a formal letter to the State Police Commissioner, with a copy to Representative Devin Carney, the DEEP, and the COTP (USCG Captain of the Port).

c. HMC Charter update – project leader solicitation

Ms. Lewis and Mr. Staab will continue working on this project.

d. Binney Road Access

Ms. Lewis reported on correspondence received about Binney Road water access from the owner of the property.

e. Hains Park Sub-committee

The OL Parks and Recreation Commission has formed a sub-committee (which would report to PRC) to study beatification and enhancement issues for Hains Park. Candace Fuchs (Rowing Association) who will serve on the sub-committee asked Ms. Lewis if a member of the HMC would serve on the sub-committee. Ms. Lewis will serve on the sub-committee and Mr. Acosta volunteered to serve as her alternate if she cannot attend a meeting. Ms. Lewis will keep Mr. Acosta updated.

6. HARBORMASTER

a. Harbormaster activity report (Plaut)

Mr. Plaut was not in attendance so there was no report.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Arelia stated that he will be a liaison from the Open Space Commission to the Harbor Management Commission, and thanked HMC members for working so hard on the Buttonball Road project, along with the OS Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM and Mr. Staab seconded the motion.

SO VOTED.

The next meeting of the HMC will be on April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Ellen Garbarino (Clerk)