

**Old Lyme Shores WPCA
Minutes
March 10, 2026**

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1. **Quorum** – The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm. A quorum was present with Jay Moynihan (JM), Bob Pallazzo (BP), Marty Merritt (MM), Roger Zito (RZ), Jack Reynolds (JR) and Dennis Colombie (DC) all present. Also present was Paul Yellen (PY) and Attorney Norbert Church.
Chris Shelton (CS) joined the meeting at 8:06
2. **Minutes** – The minutes from December 2, 2025 and December 16, 2025 were accepted and unanimously approved.
The minutes for January 13, 2026 and February 10th, 2026 were tabled for approval at future meetings.
3. **Treasurers Report** – CS reported that there was an outstanding bill to F&O for \$6,600. CS also noted that there were no additional F&O bills outstanding at this time. CS further noted that the CWF funds for design were fully used, and no other funding was available for costs related to design and preliminary planning.
4. **JM discussed recent events**
 - Now that Baltazar has been approved, JM will invite them to the April meeting to meet the WPCA and entertain preliminary discussions about the project
 - The project timeline is now in a power point format on the OLS website. JM thanked those who assisted in creating the power point format.
 - The outstanding punch list items from DEEP is underway. F&O is coordinating with DEEP.
 - The Beaches and DEEP will meet again in March to discuss the “order of financing” on the Shared portion of the project regarding applying the CWF 25% funding relief first, then applying the \$15 million loan forgiveness.
 - JM will send a note to F&O to determine when we will receive the CWF application, in order to provide the committee time to review this.
 - JR commented that we need to fight harder to ensure that the order of financing is proper and in accordance with what DEEP has promised us in the past
 - JM mentioned that the Town has still not agreed to move forward with the project and DEEP will be following up with them

- There is discussion underway of the possibility of utilizing some of the CWF construction loans to settle the CWF design loans. JM was not 100% certain how this would work and will follow up with Bond Council.
- It was noted that Baltazar was on site and digging test pits. JR, RZ, JC and Paul Yellen were there with them.
- It was noted that we are still waiting on market adjustments on the Shared portion of the project from Baltazar and Raymaaker. We hope to receive those in the next week or so.
- F&O is presenting two amendments for the overview of the construction of the project – one for \$609,000 for the Shared portion of the project, and one for \$293,000 for the OLS internal project. These will be distributed by JM and reviewed by the committee.
- There was mention of the meeting of the Cost Sharing Group of the shared portion of the project. A representative of the town was present, and they are agreeing to pay their portion of the design costs of the shared project.
- The CSA agreed to send out notices/invitations of their meetings and ensure they are abiding by the FOI rules.
- There was a brief discussion of the Stormwater portion of the project and the need to begin to identify banks who would be willing to work with us on financing.
- There was discussion on whether the WPCA needed to hire a project manager (“clerk in the works”) to assist the WPCA in overseeing the project. JR mentioned that he is concerned about a potential for significant change orders and would welcome expertise in overseeing the project and advising the WPCA, noting that the members of the WPCA have a significant obligation to the 193 homeowners.
- JM mentioned that F&O is there to protect our interests
- BP mentioned that having an owners representative might be beneficial
- JR expressed concern that MM as WPCA secretary does not have access to post and distribute WPCA materials, nor does he have access to the e-mail distribution list nor the zoom account, which causes issues when CS can not be present, and in the WPCA meeting their remit to the community.
- RZ mentioned the need to have F&O follow up with CT water with regards to the Native American findings noted by CT water during the installation of the water pipes.

MM Proposed that the WPCA set up a committee of JR, RZ, DC and BP to discuss the idea of hiring someone to oversee the project. JR Seconded. After a brief discussion, it was unanimously approved to set up the committee

5. Legal Counsel Update

- Attorney Norber Church (NC) was present for the meeting

- NC provided a brief overview of the New London and East Lyme connection and flow agreements.
- NC mentioned that in accordance with the agreements, that there would be normal costs to pump our waste through and to East Lyme and New London.
- There is also a requirement for us to participate in Capital Improvements of their facilities, as outlined in the agreements.
- In his experience, NC would estimate that our operating costs might be in the range of \$600 per month.
- There is also a connection charge of \$1,573,500 that would need to begin to be paid off by the Shared members, once flow started, over a 20 year period.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm