



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

REGULAR MEETING
October 7th, 2021
6:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date. Members present were Chairman, Mr. Donald Murphy; Mr. Alan Banister; Mr. John Swenarton; and Secretary Mr. Austin Clark. There is a quorum present. Also in attendance was our Warden, Mr. Rob Russell.

- 1) Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public – There were no comments from the public.
- 3) Review and approval of the special meeting minutes of August 5, 2021. Two typo / misspellings were identified and corrected and the minutes were approved as amended (Banister / Clark) – voted 3-0 with one abstention.. The minutes for the September 2nd, 2021 meeting were approved as recorded (Banister / Murphy) voted 3 – 0 with one abstention.
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) The Chair mentioned to the group that the Town Clerk has sent the 2022 meeting schedule form to all Boards and Commissions to be completed with 2022 meeting dates and locations. The Secretary was to file this form.
 - b) In the meeting packet was a September 30, 2021 e-mail from Docko mentioning a project that Keith would be submitting.
- 5) Business
 - a) The Chair presented the water quality results for September, and commented that of the 123 days of the traditional shellfishing season, the beds were open for 88 days, but many of the weekends the beds were closed and mentioned that the weekend closing would have an effect on permit income.
 - b) The Chair asked our Warden to discuss his assessment of the clam population in our recreational areas. Rob said that Outer Quiambug Cove was OK and on the East side of Area A near Latimer Point was also good. The chair asked for this assessment as we might want to consider buying clams for stocking purposes in the near future.
 - c) The chair presented the application submitted by Docko for applicant Mark Reilly to install a boat lift, ramp and float on an existing private dock on the East shore of Mason's Island. There were no objections and the Chair noted that he would inform Docko and the applicant not to block foot passage in the recreational shellfishing area.

- d) Commercial Shellfishing Report. Steve Plant mentioned that it has been a good growing season.
 - e) The Chair raised the topic of accepting payment from the commercial aquaculture license holders for this year. With the thought we might need or want to replenish clams and / or oysters in the recreational areas, payment in cash or animals was discussed.
 - f) Our warden, Rob Russell, mentioned that in preparation for the scallop season, that he has seen a few in the usual locations.
 - g) Equipment The Chair mentioned that he thought the goal of the State was to connect the rain gauge data to the internet for ease of measuring rainfall amounts. Also, he mentioned that Dan Smith is the new operator at the Mystic water treatment plant.
 - h) Enforcement – Warden Rob Russell reported that there were no issues.
 - i) Financial Review The items contained in the packet itemizing receipts and expenses were reviewed.
- 6). New Business There were no items of new business.
- 7). A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:28pm. (Swenarton / Banister).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Austin P. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Austin P. Clark
Secretary