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Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 5th, 2015
7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, February 5th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm StreetStonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

1) Call to order -Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

2) Review and approval of theminutes of the regular meetingof December 17th, 2014.

   A motion was made byMr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve the October 2, 2014 regular meeting as presented. The motionwas approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

   Email dated January 6th, 2015 from Tina Wazny, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, CommissionRe: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application drawings by Stonington Harbor Management Commission to modify the Harbormaster/pump-out boat dock in Stonington Harbor

4) Business

   a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional areas and approved areas were open for about half of the month beginning on December 18th until it was closed again on January 5th. The areas were then re-opened on January 16th. Water testing of samples on December 16th, and the 21st from all areas had excellent results as did the tests on January 14th and January 20th.

   b) **Application by Stonington Harbor Management Commission to modify the Harbormaster/pump-out boat dock in Stonington Harbor** – no comment

   c) **Discuss the possibility of docking the shellfish boat at the Harbor Management Commission's dock in Stonington Harbor.** Jay Spalding of the Harbor Management Commission spoke about the benefits of having the shellfish boat docked in the harbor.The discussion was tabled for a future meeting.

   d) **Summary of the discussions at the 2015 Shellfish Gathering** There seemed to be a positive, new approach from DABA with assurances that there would be more communicationwith the shellfish commissions. Mr. Murphy will check the water tests that have been completed over

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the last three years, as that is what DABA is currently asking for in terms of data.

e) **Enforcement** – no enforcement as this time

f) **Equipment-** no new news

g) **Review of statistics from the 2014 shellfishing season** – 737 licenses were issued in 2014 which falls in the average range since 2011.

h) **Updating Stonington's GIS information in the Aquaculture Mapping Atlas; modification of remuneration for commercial shellfish grounds-** the number of acres currently used by the commercial shellfishcompanies has been updated by the use of GIS. Modification of remuneration will remainthe same until the current tenyear contract expires in 2017.

i) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion**– no new news to report.

5) New Business- Quentin Snediker asked about the possibility of being able to lease some shellfish ground from the town in the future. He also had a few general questions about time tables forapplications and/or permits.

6) Adjournment- A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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