



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2016
7:00 PM**

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

- 1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of FEBRUARY 4, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the February 4, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented with Mr. Brown abstaining. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 3) Correspondence - An email dated February 16, 2016 from Mr. Don Murphy, Chairman SSC to Keith Neilson, Docko Inc., re: the SSC commission will not need to review the new NESS dock configuration as the Commission has had no comments on two previous occasions of the proposed activity.

4) Business-

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
All conditional beds were closed between February 5th and February 12th due to 1.02 inches of rain on February 3rd and 4th and 1.46 inches of rain on February 5th. Water samples taken on February 7th, 21st and 28th, had excellent results in all areas.
- b) **Review of Water Quality Data:** DABA reviewed stations to make sure we are sampling the right amount of times and in the right places. Area 11.2, area 16.2 and area 19.2 will need to be sampled five times a year. All other stations will remain the same. Basically, the water quality over the last three years had excellent results.
- c) **Update on the Lower Mystic Harbor Conditional Shellfishing Area:** Kristen will speak with the FDA to preserve the restricted relay area.
- d) **Equipment- review proposals for new shellfish patrol boat: selection of vendor:** Mr. Banister made a motion to allocate \$33,265 for the purchase of a 2016 1890 Maritime Skiff from Ocean House Marina and the motion was seconded by Mr. Swenarton and then approved unanimously.
- e) **Review of Pending Aquaculture Applications:** Dan Meiser has submitted a pre-application to DABA for Aquaculture; they are working together to make sure the details are in place before it is sent on to DEEP.
- f) **Commercial shellfishing report-** no news to report

5) New Business: - none

6) Adjournment- With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Swenarton, and seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Brown".

Stephen Brown, Secretary