



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

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REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2015  
7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street 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 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 5, 2015 and of the special meeting of March 19, 2015. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the February 5, 2015 regular meeting as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. Approval of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

3) Correspondence

Email dated March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from Donald Murphy, Commission to Environmental Testimony, Cc. Aundre Bumgardner Re: Supporting House Bills 5720 and 5722.

4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional areas and approved areas were open from March 1<sup>st</sup> until March 14<sup>th</sup> when they were closed due to 1.17 inches of rain. They were reopened on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Water testing of samples on March 18<sup>th</sup>, and the 30<sup>th</sup> from all areas had excellent results. The results on March 30<sup>th</sup> were especially good considering that there were non-continuous rainfall events totaling 1.21 inches on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- b) **Equipment- update on preparations to launch the shellfish boat-** the planned launch for the boat will be on April 15<sup>th</sup> - it will have a new bilge pump.
- c) **Updating Stonington's GIS information in the Aquaculture Mapping Atlas-** ongoing work
- d) **Application by CT Cultured Oysters to modify License Agreement # AQP-07-2008-2018 (B-2: Clam Point)** – no news to report
- e) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion**– no new news to report

- 5) New Business- Dan Mizer from the Oyster Club restaurant shared his preliminary ideas for establishing a small scale oyster operation using cages.

- 6) Adjournment- A motion was made by Mr. Banister 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 at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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