



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 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, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

- 1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of MARCH 3, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Mr. John Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the March 3rd, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously with Ms. Getchis abstaining.

3) Correspondence-

1. A letter dated March 14, 2016 from Mr. Andrew Stackpole to Mr. Don Murphy, Chairman of the Stonington Shellfish Commission, re: permit consultation form to construct a dock on the east shore of the Mystic River off Bay Street.
2. An email dated April 7, 2016 from Mr. Dan Pearson to Mr. Don Murphy, Chairman of the SCC, stating a significant concern about the proposed oyster farm in Quanaduck Cove. He is hoping that the application will be withdrawn.

4) Business-

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
All conditional beds were closed on March 15th due to 1.41 inches of rain on March 14th and March 15th. Water samples taken on March 22nd and March 30th, had excellent results in all areas.
- b) **Application by Andrew Stackpole to construct a dock on the east shore of the Mystic River off Bay St.**
The SSC had no questions or comments.
- c) **Equipment** – The new SSC patrol boat will arrive at Ocean House Marina at the beginning of May and the shellfish warden will contact them regarding the center console and other prep work.
- d) **Dockage fee for Shellfish Boat**- tabled until next meeting
- e) **Review of Pending Aquaculture Applications:**
 1. Harmony Sea Farm- no news to report, application still at DEEP
 2. William MacKay- Army Corps. needs additional information
 3. Daniel Meiser- no news to report
- 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. Murphy and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary