



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2016

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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. Don Raffo, 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 APRIL 7, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. John Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the April 7th, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously with Mr. Banister, and Mr. Raffo abstaining.

- 3) Correspondence-none to report

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quimbaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
 1. All conditional beds were closed on April 3rd due to 1.08 inches of rain on April 2nd and 3rd. Water samples taken on April 10th and April 27th, had excellent results in all areas.
 2. A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve up to \$3500 to purchase clams from Bloom Inc. in the near future.
- b) **Plans for Community Shellfishing Events in 2016-** Several commissions, funded by a grant, will be hosting advertised community shellfishing events in order to encourage younger people to try shellfishing
- c) **Equipment allocate funds to outfit the new shellfish boat, including the purchase and installation of a marine radio & antenna, purchase and installation of a transducer, doors for the leaning post, installation of our GPS, etc.** - A motion was made by Don Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate up to \$3000 to outfit the new SSC boat the Ocean House Marina.
- d) **Dockage fee for Shellfish Boat-** A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$400 for the annual dockage fee at Don's dock.
- e) **Allocate hosting fees for the Commission's website-** A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$242.16 to GoDaddy for printing services.
- f) **Update on pending aquaculture applications-**no news to report
- g) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-**The SSC has issued a commercial shellfishing harvest permit to David Motherway and he expects to begin harvesting next week using hand implements
- h) **Commercial shellfishing; reports-**update by Kevin Blados concerning vibrio protocols

- 5) New Business: - Garrett Timmons discussed cost sharing shellfishing farms in Rhode Island

- 6) Adjournment- With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Raffo, and seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary