



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

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**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2016
7:00 PM**

A special 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. 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 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of MAY 5, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve the MAY 5, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) **Correspondence**

- a) A letter dated May 5, 2016 from Lloyd L. Langhammer, LLC., representing Dan and Alexa Pearson, to the SSC- re: concerns regarding the proposed Quana duck Cover Osyter Farm application by Dan Meiser.
- b) An email dated May 26, 2016 from Alissa Dragan, to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: Mr. David Lamoureux Jr. is leaving DABA and Alissa Dragan will be the new Shellfish Commission Coordinator.
- c) An email dated May 30, 2016 from Garrett Timmons, to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: Natural Resources Conservation Service oyster reef habitat restoration.
- d) An email dated June 5, 2016 from Pat Ryan, to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: request for the SSC to hold an information session about the proposed Quana duck Cover Osyter Farm application by Mr. Meiser.
- e) An email dated June 9, 2016 from Dodie Bump, to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: request for the SSC to hold an information session about the proposed Quana duck Cover Osyter Farm application by Mr. Meiser.

4) **Business:**

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were open for the month of May until they were closed on May 30 due to 1.34 inches of rain on May 30th. Water samples taken on May 8th had excellent results in all areas.
- b) **Discuss plans to restock the conditional areas-** The target date for seeding the clam beds has been pushed back to July.
- c) **Enforcement.** -The SSC boat has been out on patrol.
- d) **Equipment - Report on the delivery and performance testing of the new shellfish boat.** Everything was installed and up to par when the boat was delivered. The boat performed well on its maiden test run.
- e) **Discuss the disposition of the old shellfish boat -**
 1. The SSC will get two quotes for the boat (including the motor).
 2. A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Ms. Getchis to spend \$100 to have PMW provide an assessment for the worth of the motor.
- f) **Update on pending aquaculture applications (Harmony Sea Farm, Will MacKay, and Dan Meiser) -** no news to report
- g) **Discuss a request to hold an information session on Dan Meiser's application to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters.** The SSC decided that is not appropriate to hold an information session on the application.
- h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** no news to report
- i) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** no news to report

- 6) **Adjournment-** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary