



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 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, 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 SPECIAL meeting of JUNE 9, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the JUNE 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

- a) A letter dated June 10, 2016 from Dr. Eric Pante, University of La Rochelle to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: permission to harvest shellfish from Stonington waters for use in scientific studies.
- b) An email dated June 2, 2016 from Ms. Susan Marquardt of Dicesare-Bentley Engineers, Inc. to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: Application by Mr. John Hritz to modify and extend an existing dock on the east shore of Stonington Harbor.
- c) An email dated June 13, 2016 to DABA director David Carey, and to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy from Dan Meiser- re: withdrawal of oyster farm application in Stonington
- d) A letter dated June 30, 2016 from Cindy Bayreuther, DOCKO, INC. to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy- re: Application by Ms. Joanne Bongiorno to conduct modifications to an existing launch ramp, bulkhead, and private dock in the Pawcatuck River.
- e) A July letter from Carole and David Enfield to the SSC Chairman, Mr. Murphy re: concerns about the proposed Quana duck Cove Oyster Farm application by Mr. Meiser.

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds re-opened for the month of June on the tenth. Water samples taken on June 8th had excellent results.
- b) **Update on the plans to restock the conditional areas** -no news to report
- c) **Equipment - Sale of old shellfish boat-** no new news to report
- d) **Application by Mr. John Hritz to modify and extend an existing dock on the east shore of Stonington Harbor-** no comment
- e) **Application by Ms. Joanne Bongiorno to conduct modifications to an existing launch ramp, bulkhead, and private dock in the Pawcatuck River.** -no comment
- f) **Enforcement.** -The SSC boat has been out on patrol.
- g) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters**
 1. Mr. Dan Meiser has withdrawn his oyster farm application for Stonington waters.
 2. A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to accept Mr. Garrett Timmons, Harmony Sea Farm LLC's application to conduct aquaculture in lower Wequetequock Cove and south of Wamphassuc Point. The motion was approved unanimously. Application Number AQP-08-2016-2026 was assigned to Mr. Timmons' application.
- h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** no news to report
- i) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** no news to report

5) **7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY HARMONY SEA FARM, LLC TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE ON SHELLFISH GROUNDS IN STONINGTON WATERS**

The regular meeting was suspended at 7:40 PM for a public hearing on application AQP-08-2016- 2026 by Mr. Garrett Timmons, (Harmony Sea Farm LLC) to conduct aquaculture in lower Wequetequock Cove and south of Wamphassuc Point. Mr. Timmons gave a presentation and no public comments were received as no members of the public were present, and no written comments were received in the SSC mailbox as of 3:30 PM this afternoon, thus the public hearing was closed with no objections made at 7:45 PM. At this point the regular meeting was resumed. The commission members present were Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Steve Brown, and Mr. Don Murphy. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Banister, and passed unanimously. The remuneration would be the same as the other existing agreements, which is \$60 per acre in cash, cash value in shellfish, or cash value in services. Mr. Murphy will develop a license agreement between the Commission and Mr. Timmons. It will be reviewed at the next meeting. Meanwhile, the applicant can begin working the ground immediately.

6) Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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