



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2015
7:00 PM**

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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, Mr. Don Raffo, 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 SPECIAL meeting of August 11, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to approve the August 11, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved with Mr. Swenarton abstaining.

- 3) Correspondence - None

- 4) Business-

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were opened with the exception of August 11 to August 18. Water samples taken on August 12 in all areas had excellent results.
- b) **Update on plans for restocking the conditional shellfishing areas-** Restocking will take place on September 19th with the back up date being October 3rd.
- c) **Set dates, fees, and regulations for the 2015-2016 scallop season-** A motion was made by Mr. Don Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to open the 2015-2016 scallop season on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at sunrise and close at sunset on March 31, 2016 maintaining current regulations and permit fees. The motion was approved unanimously.
- d) **Application by Harmony Sea Farm, LLC to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters in lower Wequetequock Cove and Fishers Island Sound.-** No news to report.
- e) **Update on the Connecticut Shellfish Initiative-** Mr. Murphy will attend the workshop on September 22.
- f) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Mr. Banister made a motion to allocate \$129.88 for a new prop. The motion was seconded by Mr. Swenarton and was approved unanimously.
- g) **Update on Pending Aquaculture Applications-** No new news to report.
- h) **Commercial shellfishing report-** no news to report

- 5) 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary