



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2016

7:07 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. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 4, 2016, and the SPECIAL meeting of September 8, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the August, 4 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. The minutes for the special meeting of September 8th, 2016 were tabled until next meeting.

3) Correspondence: An application to conduct aquaculture (Town Comm Permit No. 216) by Mr. Edwin Emery, Lyddy's Island Shellfish LLC, was submitted on September 28th 2016.

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds re-opened on September 27th after closing on September 19th due to 1.28 inches of rain. Water samples taken on September 21st had excellent results.
- b) **Update on preparations for the 2016-2017 scallop season-** Permits are available at Don's Dock and Greenhaven Marina.
- c) **Equipment – Sale of old shellfish boat-** nothing new to report, but moved from Don's Dock to WPCA in Pawcatuck.
- d) **Enforcement-** Periodic patrols are still taking place.
- e) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters .** –no news to report
- f) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** A motion to allocate \$69 to pay AGJO was made by Mr. Banister, seconded by Mr. Swenarton, and passed unanimously.
- g) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** no news to report

5) **7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY CT CULTURED OYSTERS/AEROS CULTURED OYSTER COMPANY TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE ON SHELLFISH GROUNDS IN STONINGTON WATERS**

The regular meeting was suspended at 7:30 PM for a public hearing on application AQP-09-2016- 2019 by Mr. Stephen J. Plant, and James Markow (Cultured Oysters/Aeros Cultured Oyster Company), to establish, with a three year license, a winter repository of market-sized oysters to be harvested seasonally during non-relay months (December-April). Mr. Plant gave a presentation to four members of the public, three of whom asked general questions concerning site lines, signage, and clarification about seasonal aspects, as well as a question on a personal mooring located close to the proposed area. No written comments were received in the SSC mailbox as of 3:30 PM this afternoon and no objections were made by the public. A motion was made by Mr. Banister to close the public hearing and was seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously. At this point the regular meeting was resumed.

6) **New Business-** . The commission members present were Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Alan Banister, 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. Mr. Murphy will develop a license

agreement between the Commission and Mr. Stephen J. Plant, and Mr. James Markow. The commission will review the agreement at the next meeting. Meanwhile, the applicant can begin working the ground immediately.

- 7) Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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