



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2015

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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. 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 October 1, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the October 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented, with Mr. Raffo abstaining, the motion was approved.

3) Correspondence -

a) An email dated October 25, 2015 from Mr. Paul Biscuti, DiCesare-Bentley Engineers, Inc., to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission, re Permit Consultation Form and project plans to make storm-drain outfall modifications on a portion of Norwest Marine, INC. property on 7 River Road, Pawcatuck.

b) A memo dated November 9, 2015, Executive Secretary, Kris Bell, from the Selectman's office, re Stonington forms budget worksheet, budget commentary and professional services request form.

4) Business-

a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**

All conditional beds were opened on October 10th and remained open the entire month until they were closed on October 29th due to 1.48 inches of rain. Water samples taken on October 7, and on October 13, in had excellent results in all areas

b) **Review of October 24 clam transplant-** all clams were successfully transplanted in the beds

c) **Update on the status of the 2015-2016 scallop season-**permits have been sold- few scallops in the beds

d) **Application by Threadmill Acquisitions, LLC to make storm-drain outfall modifications on a portion of Norwest Marine, INC. property on 7 River Road, Pawcatuck-**no comment

e) **Discuss cooperation with Dr. John Clausen (UConn) in his research entitled "Path to Reduce Pathogens in CT Agricultural Runoff"**-he will be looking at various brooks for nitrogen loads- not much of a role for the SSC.

f) **Equipment-**The SSC boat will be hauled out of the water before Thanksgiving.

g) **Enforcement-** some patrols are still occurring by the warden

h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Mr. Swenarton made a motion to allocate \$158 to PMW for boat repairs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raffo and was approved unanimously.

i) **Update on Pending Aquaculture Applications-** No new news to report.

j) **Commercial shellfishing report-** no news to report

5) New Business: - none

6) Adjournment- With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Raffo, and seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Brown, Secretary