



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2015

7:00 PM

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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. Alan Banister, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

- 1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of September 10, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve the September 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously

- 3) Correspondence - An email dated September 29, 2015 from Mr. Garrett Timmons, Harmony Sea Farm, LLC to Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission, re: revised application to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters in lower Wequetequock Cove and Fishers Island Sound.

4) Business-

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

1. All conditional beds were open the entire month except between September 10, and September 18 due to 2.40 inches of rain. The beds were closed again on September 30. Water samples taken on September 9, and on September 13, in all areas had excellent results.
2. Mr. Alan Banister shared the results of his research on automated rain gauges.

b) **Update on plans for restocking the conditional shellfishing areas-** Restocking will take place on October 17.

c) **Equipment** - the fuel filter was replaced on the SSC's boat

d) **Discussion of submerged aquatic vegetation in Little Narragansett Bay-** looked at Biomass of cladophora in LNB in July 2014

e) **Update on preparations for the 2015-2016 scallop season-**permits are ready to be sold

f) **Application by Harmony Sea Farm, LLC to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters in lower Wequetequock Cove and Fishers Island Sound-** reviewed the revised application- the SSC believes the application looks promising and recommends moving the process forward

g) **Update on the Connecticut Shellfish Initiative-** - moving forward

h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Mr. Swenarton made a motion to allocate \$68 to AGJO for the printing of 120 scallop permits. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banister 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. Banister, and seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary