



**Town of Stonington  
Shellfish Commission**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 7, 2015  
7:00 PM**

RECEIVED FOR RECORD  
STONINGTON, CT.  
15 MAY 14 PM 2:01  
CYNTHIA LAOWIG  
TOWN CLERK

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. 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 March 19, 2015 and the regular meeting of April 2, 2015.

- a) Approval of the special meeting of March 19, 2015 was tabled.
- b) A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the April 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence

A letter dated April 27, 2015 from Mr. Donald Murphy, Stonington Shellfish Commission, to Mr. Steve Plant, Connecticut Cultured Oysters, re: permission granted to remove oysters from the bottom of the newly revised boundaries of the Clam Point I parcel.

4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were opened for the entire month of April due to lack of rainfall. Water quality testing on April 15<sup>th</sup> and again on April 23<sup>rd</sup> had excellent results. Area B was closed for the boating season on May 1, 2015 in accordance with the MOU between the SSC and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture (DABA).
- b) **Consider allocating funds to purchase clams to restock the conditional shellfishing areas-** Mr. Raffo made a motion to allocate \$5000 for buying clams to re-stock conditional areas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banister and was approved unanimously.
- c) **Update on the efforts of the Groton and Stonington Shellfish Commissions to create a seasonal conditional shellfishing area in Lower Mystic Harbor-** A group consisting of Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman SSC, Kevin Blados, Stonington Farms Shellfish, Inc., Ed Martin, GSC, sent an email to Mr. David Lamoureux, DABA to ask for a meeting concerning the LMH conditional area.
- d) **Equipment – update on repairs to the shellfish boat-** Mr. Banister made a motion to allocate

\$924.17 to prepare the commission boat for launching. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raffo and was approved unanimously.

- e) **Updating Stonington's GIS information in the Aquaculture Mapping Atlas-** Mr. Kevin Blados and Mr. Steve Plant signed new relay licenses for name changes to their shellfishing beds.
  - f) **Application by Mr. George Kimmerle to construct a fixed pile dock, retain boulder shore protection and retain an existing concrete seawall in Stonington Harbor.** SSC had no comment
  - g) **Application by CT Cultured Oysters to modify License Agreement # AQP-07-2008-2018 (B-2: Clam Point)-** A public hearing will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 PM in the town hall.
  - h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-**no news to report
  - i) **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 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary