



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**JUNE 4, 2015
7:00 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. 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 May 7, 2015.
 - a) A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the March 19th, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved with Mr. Swenarton abstaining
 - b) A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve the May 7, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved with Mr. Brown abstaining
- 3) Correspondence –none to report
- 4) Business
 - a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were opened for the entire month of May due to lack of rainfall with the exception of Area A that was closed on May 28th due to a break in a private sewer line. Water samples taken in this area and in the other areas had excellent results. All areas were closed on June 2nd due to more than one inch of rainfall.
 - b) **Update on the plans to restock the conditional areas-** The SSC plans to restock the conditional areas on June 6.
 - 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. There has still been no reply from DABA.

- d) **Equipment-** Ten aquaculture nets were donated to the Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission
- e) **Application by Mr. Daniel Meiser to conduct aquaculture in Quana duck Cove-** no news to report

5) 7:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPLICATION BY CONNECTICUT CULTURED OYSTERS TO CONDUCT AQUACULTURE ON SHELLFISH GROUNDS IN STONINGTON WATERS- A recess was taken at 7:30 to conduct a public hearing concerning the above proposal. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton to approve the application by Connecticut Cultured Oysters to conduct aquaculture on four acres of shellfish grounds in Town of Stonington waters in the Mystic River near Clam Point. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously.

- f) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-**no news to report
- g) **Commercial shellfishing report-** no news to report

6) New Business

7) **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 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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