



**Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2015

7:00 PM

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. Don Raffo, Mr Alan Banister, 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 July 9, 2015.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the July 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved with Mr. Raffo abstaining.

3) Correspondence

- a) A letter dated July 16, 2015 from Ms. Susan Marquardt, Dicesare-Bentley Engineers, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application drawings for Mr. Randy Bean to construct a dock and retain and maintain boulder shore protection and an existing concrete wall in Stonington Harbor.
- b) Email dated July 21, 2015 from Cindy Bayreuther, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application drawings for Mrs. Penelope Townsend to install a boat elevator, modify an existing dock, and install a new float and ramp on the east side of Mason's Island.
- c) Email dated August 7, 2015 from Mr. Garrett Timmons, Harmony Sea Farm, to Donald Murphy, Commission Re: receiving license agreement application

- 4) Business- prior to the meeting Mr. Murphy stated that agenda item 4d would be discussed before agenda item 4a

d) Application by Penelope Townsend to install a boat elevator, modify an existing dock, and install a new float and ramp on the east side of Mason's Island.- the owners shall not prevent public shellfishing around their dock.

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

1. All conditional beds were opened on July 9 and stayed open through the month of July. Water samples taken in all areas had excellent results.
2. Mr. Banister made a motion to allocate \$3500 to pay for clams to be seeded in September. The motion was seconded by Mr. Raffo and was approved unanimously.

b) Review of the Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Aquaculture's 2014 Annual Assessment of Stonington's Shellfish Growing Areas – The CA verification study will continue in 2015; clarification is needed concerning the number of samples required.

- c) **Application by Randy Bean to construct a dock and retain and maintain boulder shore protection and an existing concrete wall in Stonington Harbor.**- Mr. Murphy will seek clarification on actual coordinates of eel grass beds- it did not appear clear on the plans.
- e) **.Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Mr. Raffo made a motion to allocate \$142 to pay AGJO for printing costs. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banister and was approved unanimously.
- f) **Update on Pending Aquaculture Applications-**nothing to report
- g) **Commercial shellfishing report-** no news to report
- 5) **Adjournment-** With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary

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