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Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission

MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2014
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. Alan Banister, Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman.

1.) **Call to order** Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

2.) **Review and approval of the minutes of the REGULAR meeting of JULY 7, 2016.**

A motion was not made as there was no quorum.

3.) **Correspondence**

a) Email dated 8/1/16 from CT Cultured Oysters forwarding an application to conduct aquaculture in the area between Andrews and Dodge Island.

4.) **Business.**

a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas – Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason’s Island** – All conditional areas were open the entire month of July. APC and regular samples were collected on July 6, with excellent results.

b) **Restocking Conditional Areas** – Seed has not been available from Hillard Bloom Shellfish. Steve Plant suggested approaching Jim Markow and Norm Bloom to harvest and transplant from Area “A” in Groton.

c) **Equipment** – Sale of old shellfish boat – The Commission received approval from Board of Selectmen and the matter is still in the Finance Office Directors hands.

d) **Enforcement** – The SSC boat has been out on patrol.

e) **SSC License Agreement** - The commission reviewed stipulations of the license agreement. Minor modifications were made.

f) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters:**

1. Application from CT Cultured Oysters. Mr. Plant is seeking a three-year term to place oysters on bottom seasonally. Area would have to be temporarily closed as product is being relayed from a restricted area. Commission needs to discuss buffer around area that will be planted. Discussion was tabled until next meeting.
2. Will Mackay informed the Commission that he completed a Tier 1 SAV survey and submitted it to Cori Rose from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He does not yet have all of the necessary gear permits. He asked if he could conduct bottom culture in the meantime. Mr. Murphy was unsure.

g) Review of finances; collections, bills and remuneration:

1. There was a review of transmittal and sales reports that totaled \$1556.00.
2. New shellfish permits - A motion to allocated \$102.00 to pay for the printing of new shellfish permits was made by Ms. Getchis and seconded by Mr. Banister, and approved unanimously.
3. Boat maintenance - A motion to allocate \$382.00 to pay for the maintenance of the shellfish boat was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Ms. Getchis, and approved unanimously.

h) Commercial shellfishing reports:

1. Mr. Blados reported that he has been seeding the Masons Island lot.
2. Mr. Plant reported that he planted seed in gear and everything looks good.

i.) New Business – none to report.

5.) Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Ms. Getchis, and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tessa Getchis, acting secretary