# Town of Stonington
## Shellfish Commission

*152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378*

REGULAR MEETING
March 3, 2022
6:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm St., Stonington CT. Members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Donald Raffo, Mr. Bob Hollis (alternate), Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman, and Mr. John Swenarton, Acting Secretary.

1) Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm.
2) Comments from the Public - none
3) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on February 3, 2022 – A **motion** to approve the minutes as written (Banister/Raffo) was approved unanimously.
4) Correspondence
   a) An email dated February 8, 2022 to Davis Instruments Customer Support from Alan Banister, SSC, RE: Davis Vantage Pro2 rain gauge.
5) Business
   a) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Stonington's conditional recreational shellfishing areas – Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island (Area A and Area B) – Conditional beds were open February 1-3, closed following a rain event on February 3-4, and reopened February 16-28. Test results were very good for samples collected February 13 and 16.
   b) Commercial shellfishing reports – Steve Plant reported on potential methods for hard clam aquaculture and noted that oyster sales have been very strong so far this year. Garrett Timmons reported that he is considering aquaculture of surf clams and noted on some successful aquaculture efforts other growers elsewhere.
   c) Request for input to the revision of the Mystic Harbor Management Commission's Management Plan – Don Murphy will provide updated shellfish bed classifications to the commission.
   d) Set permit fees and regulations for the 2022/2023 recreational shellfishing season
      - Set fee for daily permit – SSC consensus was that daily fees will be unchanged for the upcoming season: $6 for residents and active-duty military, $12 for non-residents.
      - Review/update recreational shellfishing regulations – After review, SSC consensus was that regulations will remain the same as last season.
      - New seasonal permit design – The permit printing company, AGJO, suggested changing font color of the permits each year to allow easier confirmation of valid permits, so this method will be employed for the 2022/2023 season.
   e) Equipment
      - Schedule for launching the shellfish boat – Launch is schedule for April 15 following motor water pump replacement
      - Recalibration of Davis rain gauge – A **motion** to allocate $200 for shipping and repairs of the gauge (Raffo/Banister) was approved unanimously.
      - Open/closed signs – Bob Hollis obtained a quote for vinyl-coated aluminum signs at $85 each. He will investigate the Town's road sign maker and report back.

f) Financial review; collections and bills – Two recent invoices from Don's Dock include $185.00 for the annual locker fee and $400.01 for the annual discounted shellfish boat dockage slip.

6) New Business - none

7) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn (Banister/Raffo) was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Swenarton

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Acting Secretary