



**Town of Stonington**  
**Shellfish Commission**  
*152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378*

SPECIAL MEETING

November 4, 2021

6:30 PM

A Special Meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date. Members present were Chairman, Mr. Donald Murphy; Mr. Alan Banister; Mr. John Swenarton; Secretary Mr. Austin Clark, and alternate member Mr. Bob Hollis. Also in attendance was our warden Mr. Rob Russell.

- 1) Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public – There were no comments from the public.
- 5) Business
  - b). To accommodate Mr. David Provencher of Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC who was in attendance to present the application for removal of an existing dock and reconstruction of a new dock for Mr. Thomas Choate on the west shore of Latimer Point, his presentation was heard at this time. Questions were asked and answered about the height of the new stone pier so as not to inhibit people's passage under it by foot and a request was made not to pile any moved rocks in a straight line and the Chair reminded the applicant that there should be no – No Trespassing signs posted on the dock and to allow clearance for passage under the dock by foot. The Chair after satisfactory replies from the applicant was to sign the DEEP Pre-Submission form and return it to the applicant.
- 3) Review and approval of the special meeting minutes of October 7, 2021 – A motion to approve the minutes as written (Banister / Swenarton) and was voted 4 – 0 with one abstention. .
- 4) Correspondence:
  - a) The Chair shared correspondence between the Town and the Commission regarding our application to use the Town Hall meeting room on the ground floor ( where the Commission used to meet ) and our subsequent identification of regular meetings as opposed to this month's requirement of being identified as a special meeting.
  - b) In the meeting packet, the Chair shared a letter from Kristin DeRosia-Banick regarding her letter of resignation from the DA / BA and informing the various Town commissions of her new position with the FDA.
- 5) Business – continued.
  - a) The water quality results were distributed in the meeting packet and the Chair mentioned that he expected to be able to reopen the recreational beds by Monday November 8th. The YTD number of samples were identified and the Chair felt the Commission would have the required number finished by the end of the month. Also sampling has been conducted in inner Quiambug Cove with the thought that once the required number of tests and samples have been completed, that that area might be able to be opened to recreational shellfishing.
  - b) Completed above.

- c) Commercial Shellfish Report - In the month's packet, the Chair shared a e-mail from Beth Gomes regarding a change in her plans for her location and size of her requested space. The Commission decided this would require a new application with maps and coordinates.
- d) In the packet, the Chair shared correspondence regarding remuneration from the commercial license holders for this year. Warden Rob Russell, mentioned that 3 of 5 payments in kind have been made and distributed on either side of the channel in area A.
- e) Comments on the 2021\_22 scallop season was very brief as there were not any scallops observed in the traditional areas of harvesting. Both Steve Plant & and Garrett Timmons expressed the good year they have experienced in their operations.
- f) Equipment – The Chair shared his correspondence and issues relating to downloading the software for the Davis rain gauge and its interface with the SUEZ software.  
In the packet, the Chair shared the 2021 Fall work request form for the Commission boat and estimated it might be \$1,700 to \$1,800 for hauling, winterizing and shrink wrapping the boat for the season.
- g) Under Enforcement, - there was no activity
- h) Financial Review – The packet contained a copy of the monthly expense from Don's Dock, mostly for gasoline.
- 6) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made and seconded ( Banister / Swenarton ) and was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Austin P. Clark  
Secretary