



**Town of Stonington**  
**Shellfish Commission**

*152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378*

**SPECIAL MEETING**

January 9, 2020

6:30 PM

A Special 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. Peter Moore, Mr. Dan Barrett (alternate), Mr. Donald Murphy, Chairman, and Mr. John Swenarton, Secretary.

- 1) Call to order – Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public (Comments on specific applications will not be allowed) - None
- 3) Review and approval of the regular meeting minutes on December 5, 2019 – A **motion** to approve the minutes as written (Raffo/Banister) was approved unanimously.
- 4) Correspondence
  - a) A letter dated December 13, 2019 to Donald Murphy, SSC, from Tina Wazny, Docko, Inc. RE: DEEP Consultation Form for Lockwood Coveside Marina, LLC
  - b) An email dated December 15, 2019 to Donald Murphy, SSC, from Stonington Aquafarms. RE: Aquaculture project.
  - c) An email dated December 19, 2019 to Donald Murphy, SSC, from Tina Wazny, Docko, Inc. RE: project description for Lockwood Coveside Marina, LLC
- 5) Business
  - a) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Stonington's conditional recreational shellfishing areas - Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island (Area A and Area B) – Conditional areas were open briefly on December 9 then closed and reopened December 22-29. Results from water sampling on December 9 were very good; however samples from December 16 had some poor results.
  - b) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Lower Mystic Harbor Conditional Area – Results from sampling on December 16 had some high results but no recalls were issued. Results were much better for December 23 samples and resulted in a delayed opening on December 30.
  - c) Update on the installation of an automated weather station at the Mystic Water Pollution Facility – A Davis Instruments Model 685 was received by SSC and, while it is not the model SSC requested, it will be installed on the roof of the Mystic WPF.
  - d) Application by Lockwood Coveside Marina, LLC to construct a 360 ft. dock for 60 slips on the west shore of Wequetequock Cove – Tabled at the request of Docko, Inc.
  - e) Commercial shellfishing reports – Will MacKay reported no activity. Garret Timmons reported moving some of his Wequetequock Cove stock to his ground near Stonington Breakwaters.
  - f) Review changes to the graphic for the Stonington Shellfish Commission's Aquaculture Licensing Process – The updated process flow chart and minor edits to Section 1.2.2.9 of the Aquaculture Licensing package was reviewed and a **motion** to approve (Moore/Banister) was approved unanimously.

- g) Review collections, warden time cards, and bills – Permit fee collections, end-of-year warden time cards, and a small bill from Don's Dock were reviewed.
  - h) Review of 2019 recreational permit sales data and the final 2019 remuneration data – Don Murphy reported that permit sales in 2019 continued the declining trend in recent years. There is no remaining remuneration debt in 2019, with some license holder carrying over credit into 2020.
  - i) Review the Budget Report for 2019 and the 2020 projections – Don Raffo reported the 2019 budget year ended with a surplus of \$3,718. A similar budget is projected for 2020.
- 6) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn (Banister/Moore) was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Swenarton".

John Swenarton  
Secretary