



REGULAR MEETING

December 5, 2019

6:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at Stonington Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic, 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 6:32 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public (Comments on specific applications will not be allowed) – None
- 3) Review and approval of the minutes of the special meeting on November 9, 2019 – A motion to approve with minor edits (Banister/Moore) was approved unanimously with one abstention (Swenarton)
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) An email dated May 10, 2019 to Donald Murphy, SSC, from Cori Rose, US Army Corps of Engineers RE: Stonington Aquafarms.
- 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 areas were open November 7-23. Results from water sampling on November 5 were very good; results are pending for the November 20 samples.
 - b) Discuss the winter opening the Lower Mystic Harbor and the first round of water sampling – This area was opened on November 15 due to end of marina/mooring season and good sampling results. The Dept of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture has ordered a rain gauge to be maintained at the Mystic Wastewater Treatment Facility.
 - c) Commercial shellfishing reports – Steve Plant reported he had only minimal cages in the water and water temperature was 45°F.
 - d) Review changes to the graphic for the Stonington Shellfish Commission’s Aquaculture Licensing Process – Minor revisions were suggested to the process flow chart related to public notice. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Banister will add language to address this.
 - e) Plans for storing the shellfish boat for the winter – There was discussion about storing the boat on Town property at the Pawcatuck Wastewater Treatment Plant.
 - f) Discuss the Shellfish Commission’s submission for the Town of Stonington 2020-2021 budget – SSC will continue to request a \$50 line item and remain financially independent.

- g) Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration – Final collection of permit fees will be made in December. Remunerations should be paid up following delivery of oysters to recreational beds planned later this month.
- 6) New Business – None
- 7) Adjournment – A motion to adjourn (Banister/Swenarton) was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Swenarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a prominent "T".

John Swenarton
Secretary