



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 5, 2017
7:02 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. John Swenarton, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

1) Call to order Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2) Review and approval of the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of Decemeber 8, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the SPECIAL meeting of December 8, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence:

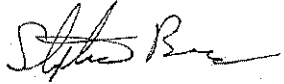
- a. A letter dated December 21st, 2016, from Kevin Blados, Stonington Farms Shellfish, Inc. to Mr. Don Murphy, - re: Mr. Blados intends to sell his business to Mr. Tim Giuliani and Kris Simonds. All operations will remain the same throughout 2017 as the transition is being made between them.
- b. An email dated December 22nd, 2016, from Ms. Shannon Kelly, DABA, to Mr. Don Murphy, - re: application from Fishers Island Oyster Farm to create a hatchery system in Wilcox Cove.
- c. A letter dated December 28th, 2016, from Westport Shellfish Commission. to Mr. Don Murphy, - re: enclosed survey for seed oyster program.
- d. An email dated January 3rd, 2017, from Mr. Will MacKay to Mr. Don Murphy, - re: request for securing additional acres for bottom culture in the spring of 2017.
- e. An email dated January 4th, 2017, from Mr. Dave Carey, DABA to Mr. Don Murphy, - re: Mr. Malinowski does not need to file an application with the Stonington Shellfish Commission for his hatchery.

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds re-opened on December 8th. Water samples taken on December 4th and the 13th had excellent results.
- b) **Equipment –**
Discuss the discovery of excessive chips in the lower unit oil in the outboard of the new shellfish boat- Alan will contact the appropriate parties- the boat is under warranty.
Planning for the sale of old shellfish boat-Alan will meet with Jim Sullivan to discuss the process.
Removal of aquaculture gear from locker #30 at Don's Dock- The locker is now empty.
- c) **Enforcement:** No enforcement is occurring now.
- d) **Discuss a modification to the application by Will MacKay to conduct aquaculture in Town of Stonington Waters-** no actions taken.
- e) **Discuss the request of Harmony Sea Farm LLC to expand by approximately 4.5 acres the area of the shellfish farm in lower Wequetequock Cove –**no action taken.
- f) **Discuss the application to the Bureau of Aquaculture by Fishers Island Oyster Farm to establish a land-based shellfish hatchery on the east shore of Wilcox Cove-** no action taken.
- g) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters-**no news to discuss.
- h) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-**Payment to Don's Dock for boat services.
- i) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** Garrett Timmons reported that his oysters are still growing in his licensed area.

7) **Adjournment**- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stephen Brown".

Stephen Brown, Secretary