



## Town of Stonington Shellfish Commission

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2017

7:00 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 7:00 PM.

2) Review and approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 5, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to approve the regular meeting of January 5, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence: An email dated January 9, 2017, from Mr. Don Murphy, to Ms. Shannon Kelly, DABA, re: confirmation of the change in the location of Will MacKay's proposed depuration plot.

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were opened until they were closed on January 24 due to 1.08 inches of rain. Water samples taken on January 17<sup>th</sup> had excellent results.
- b) **Review of 2016 finances and permit sales:** 589 clamming permits were sold, up from 561 in 2015
- c) **Set permit fees and regulations for the 2017 shellfishing season:** A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to set the SSC regulations and fees for 2017 that were in effect in 2016.
- d) **Equipment –**
  - 1. **Results of excessive chips in the lower unit oil in the outboard of the new shellfish boat-** most likely typical wear and tear of new engine
  - 2. **Planning for the sale of old shellfish boat-town** will submit public notice on April 15<sup>th</sup> to *The Sun* the bids will be closed by April 30<sup>th</sup> and the proceeds from the sale of the boat will go to the SSC
- e) **Discuss the application by Mechanic Street Marina, LLC to install a kelp farm in State of Connecticut waters near Eel Grass Ground in Fishers Island Sound-**no comment as it is outside of the town and therefore SSC's jurisdiction.
- f) **Discuss the application by Mr. David Kingeter to construct a dock on the west shore of Wilcox Cove.**  
No comment
- g) **Application by Edwin and Daniel Emery (Lyddy's Island Shellfish LLC) to conduct aquaculture in Stonington Waters.** Will resubmit updated application
- h) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters-**no news to discuss.
- i) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** no collections or bills
- j) **Commercial shellfishing reports:**

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,

Stephen Brown, Secretary