



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2017

7:00 PM

A SPECIAL 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 February 2, 2017.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the February 2, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3) Correspondence:

- a) An email dated March 2, 2017, from Mr. Daniel Pearson to Mr. Don Murphy- re: question as to whether there were any new applications for growing oysters in Quana Duck Cove- no new applications
- b) An email dated March 7, 2017, from Ms. Lauren Gauthier, Norm Bloom and Son, LLC, re: Shellfish Commissions Water Sampling Options-The SSC is interested in being part of the delivery program to an independent lab, but not for the water testing as the warden does this while patrolling the area. Mr. Murphy will contact Lauren Gauthier and the other commission members.
- c) An application dated March 1, 2017 by Mr. Edwin Emery to conduct aquaculture will be discussed at the April meeting.

4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds were reopened on March 2nd. Water samples taken on March 6 had excellent results.
- b) **Discuss the request for a letter of support for the Sea Grant Program-** All agreed to send a letter.
- c) **Commission Membership:** The SSC is looking for an additional member to fill one vacancy.
- d) **Equipment:**
 1. **Planning for the sale of the old shellfish boat:** Mr. Murphy will contact Mr. Jim Sullivan.
 2. **Preparing the shellfish boat for the 2017 season:** A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to allocate up to \$250 for a new prop (backup) for the SSC boat.
- e) **Application by William MacKay to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters (Little Narragansett Bay).** -A public hearing will be scheduled for May.
- f) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters:** no news to discuss.
- g) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration:** no news to report
- h) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** no news to report

7) Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary