



Town of Stonington Shellfish Commission

152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2018

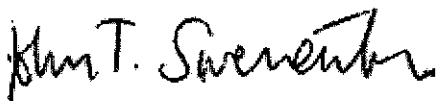
6:30 PM

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at Mystic Middle School, 204 Mistuxet Ave., Stonington, CT. Members present were Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Peter Moore, Mr. John Swenarton; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman. Alternate Moore was seated as a voting member.

- 1) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public – none
- 3) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 1, 2018 - A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented (Swenarton/Raffo) carried unanimously.
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) A letter dated March 8, 2018 from Tara Galbo, Day Smith Steele, LLC Donald Murphy, SSC Re: eelgrass survey requirements for proposed Dana Lewis project.
 - b) A letter dated March 9, 2018 from Kristin Foster to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: concerns for oyster project in the cove between Enders and Masons Islands.
 - c) An email dated April 3, 2018 from Tracy Collins, Waller Smith & Palmer, PC, to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: question regarding obtaining a copy of Dana Lewis's pre-application to conduct aquaculture in State of Connecticut waters.
 - d) A hand delivered copy of a State of Connecticut pre-screening form submitted by Dan Meiser to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Aquaculture for a proposed aquaculture project in Quana Duck Cove and Stonington Harbor
- 5) Business
 - a) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Stonington's conditional recreational shellfishing areas – Outer Quiamabaug Cove and East Mason's Island (Area A and Area B) – All three conditional areas were closed until March 17 then opened based on time since last rain event. Results from March 18 sampling were excellent with fecal coliform counts below detection limits in all samples. Don Murphy reported finding some clams in Area A buried deeply in hard sediment and some legal oysters were found as well.
 - b) Application by Mr. Neil Wainland to construct a wood pier, ramp and float on the west shore of the Pawcatuck River – Tabled at the request of Keith Neilson, agent for the applicant.
 - c) Application by Mr. Peter Gleysteen to modify an existing dock on the west shore of Andrews Island - Tabled at the request of Keith Neilson, agent for the applicant.
 - d) Discuss a letter dated March 8, 2018 from Ms. Tara Galbo on behalf of Mr. Dana Lewis regarding the type of eelgrass survey required by the commission – The commission reviewed the letter and the Joint Federal Agency Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Survey Guidance. Don Murphy will send a reply letter stating that SSC's original response to Attorney Galbo's November 27, 2017 letter did not suggest or require a third party survey and that a Tier 1 survey described in the Federal Guidance would be acceptable.

- e) Discuss modifications to the recreational shellfishing map – Don Murphy has been working with Kristin DeRosia-Banick who is updating the GIS recreational shellfishing map. There was discussion of including the privately owned Dolan plot on the Stonington town map provided to recreational shellfish permit holders. SSC decided to leave the map as is.
 - f) Equipment – launch of the shellfish boat – The SSC patrol boat is in the water and has a new propeller and water pump.
 - g) Review draft modifications to the Shellfish Commission's forms on the web site – An aquaculture application flow chart provided by the Department of Planning was reviewed. Don Murphy will provide comments to Director of Planning Jason Vincent when he meets with him. Also discussed was an updated application form drafted by Peter Moore.
 - h) Discuss Shellfish Commission representation on the Town of Stonington's Stormwater Task Force – Stonington Town Engineer Scot Deledda sent Don Murphy a letter requesting SSC representation on the Stormwater Task Force that he is currently resurrecting. Don Murphy agreed to stay on and John Swenarton also agreed to serve.
 - i) Review of finances; collections, bills, remuneration – Sample delivery collaborations with other towns and Aeros Oysters are going well.
 - j) Commercial shellfishing – Steve Plant reported very good sampling results from the Mystic River Case Study of Virus Reduction in Waste Treatment.
- 6) New Business – None.
- 7) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made (Raffo/Moore) and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm.

Respectively submitted,



John Swenarton, Acting Secretary