



Town of Stonington
Shellfish Commission
152 Elm Street Stonington, CT 06378

SPECIAL MINUTES MEETING

AUGUST 9, 2017

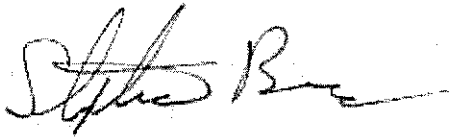
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A Special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission (SSC) was held on this date at the Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. Alan Banister, Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, and Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) **Call to order:** Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:03
- 2) **Comments from the public:** Mr. David Motherway read a letter objecting to the application by Stonington Aquafarms LLC to conduct aquaculture in Quiambaug Cove and on the west side of Ender's Island.
- 3) **Review and approval of the minutes of the Special meeting July 12, 2017:**
A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Don Raffo to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously with Mr. Swenarton abstaining.
- 4) **Correspondence:**
 - a) A letter dated July 18, 2017 from Cindy Bayreuther, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application drawings for Mr. Richard Bradley to construct a fixed pier, ramp, and float on the north shore of Murphy Point in Mystic Harbor.
 - b) An email dated July 25, 2017 from Mr. Hugh McGee, Mystic Middle School Outdoors Club to Mr. Donald Murphy, SSC Re: seeking permission and help from the SSC for a shellfish demonstration with students from the Mystic Middle School.
 - c) An email dated July 25, 2017 from Mr. James Sullivan, to Mr. Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Shellfishing license agreement copies.
 - d) An email dated July 29, 2017 from Mr. David Motherway to Mr. Donald Murphy, SSC Re: unauthorized placement of juvenile oysters in Quiambaug Cove.
 - e) A letter dated August 10, 2017 from Mr. David Motherway to the SSC Re; objections to the application by Stonington Aquafarms LLC to conduct aquaculture in Quiambaug Cove and on the west side of Ender's Island.
- 5) **Business:**
 - a) **Application by Mr. Richard Bradley to construct a fixed pier, ramp, and float on the north shore of Murphy Point in Mystic Harbor-** no comment
 - b) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** Water samples taken on July 11, and July 24 had excellent results and the beds have been opened since July 2nd.
 - c) **Reclassification of the shellfish growing waters north of Mason's Island-** The area is now considered restricted relay.

- d) **Potential reclassification of shellfish growing waters adjacent to Area A-** For now, this area will retain its classification.
 - e) **Request to conduct shellfish demonstration for the Mystic Middle School Outdoors Club-** SSC members will help out with the demonstration.
 - f) **Application by Dana Lewis, Stonington Aquafarms LLC. to conduct aquaculture in Quiambaug Cove and on the west side of Ender's island.-** The applicant has asked to table the application.
 - g) **Enforcement:** The warden will continue his rounds and has been asked to keep an eye on the Quiambaug Cove area where unauthorized oysters were dumped.
 - h) **Review the status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters-** no news to report
 - i) **Review of finances; collections, bills and remuneration** -no news to discuss
 - j) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** no news to report
- 5) **Adjournment-** A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephen Brown
Secretary