



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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 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. Alan Banister, Mr. Donald Raffo, Mr. Peter Moore, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. John Swenarton; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman.

- 1) Call to order - Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
- 2) Comments from the public – The following members of the public offered comments on aquaculture operations in Quiambaug Cove: J. Carlton, J. Coelho, D. Carlton, M. Motherway, D. Motherway, H. Martin, S. Grob, R. Smiley, L. Conway, R. Martis, S. Malinowski, B. Philbrick, and M. Carey.
- 3) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on May 3, 2018 and June 7, 2018 - A **motion** to approve the May 3, 2018 minutes with minor edits (Banister/Moore) carried unanimously. A **motion** to approve the June 7, 2018 minutes with minor edits (Banister/Getchis) carried unanimously, with J. Swenarton and P. Moore abstaining.
- 4) Correspondence
 - a) An email dated June 9, 2018 from Jim Carlton to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: new Lewis application third parties.
 - b) A letter dated June 19, 2018 from Tracy Collins, Waller, Smith, and Palmer, PC to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: modification of shellfishing designation west of Enders Island.
 - c) An email dated June 20, 2018 from Rachel Gaudio, Waller, Smith, and Palmer, PC to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Inquiry – Davis shellfish beds.
 - d) An email dated June 21, 2018 from Donald Murphy, SSC to Rachel Gaudio, Waller, Smith, and Palmer, PC Re: reply to inquiry – Davis shellfish beds
 - e) A letter dated June 24, 2018 from James Coelho to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Quiambaug Cove application to conduct aquaculture.
 - f) A letter dated June 24, 2018 from Cynthia Coelho to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Quiambaug Cove application to conduct aquaculture.
 - g) An email dated June 25, 2018 from Donald Murphy, SSC to Vincent Pacileo, Town of Stonington Re: notification of minor injury to Shellfish Warden.
 - h) An email dated June 29, 2018 from Donald Murphy, SSC to Dan Meiser Re: Quana duck Cove pre-application.
 - i) An email dated June 30, 2018 from Dan Meiser to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Meiser/Behan signed application.
 - j) An email dated July 5, 2018 from Dan Pearson to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: status of Meiser application.
 - k) A letter dated July 6, 2018 from Michael Carey, Suisman, Shapiro PC to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Freedom of Information request
 - l) An email dated July 9, 2018 from Bruce Carpenter to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Quiambaug Cove oyster application.

- m) An email dated July 9, 2018 from Shannon Kelly, Dept. of Ag./Bureau of Aquaculture, to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Cooke kelp farm proposal
- n) An undated letter received July 11, 2018 from Ben and Cathy Berte to Donald Murphy, SSC Re: Dana Lewis aquaculture application.

5) Business

- a) Discuss the water quality testing and status of Stonington's conditional recreational shellfishing areas – Outer Quiambug Cove and East Mason's Island (Area A and Area B) – Condition Areas A Outer Quiambug were open for recreational shellfishing the entire month of June. Water testing results were generally good with the exception of Station 11.2 (restricted relay area) and an anomalously high result at Station 13.
 - b) Update on the availability of clams to re-stock the conditional shellfishing areas – Bloom in Norwalk currently has none to provide. Jim Markow and Fred Emery remain as possible sources.
 - c) Application by Fishers Island Oyster Farm, Inc. to install a 2" PVC pipe and electrical service to an existing pier at an oyster hatchery and nursery on the east shore of Wilcox Cove – Steve Malinowski summarized the activity which require SSC to submit a DEEP Permit Consultation Form. SSC had no comment.
 - d) Application by Stonington AquaFarm (Dana Lewis) to conduct aquaculture in Town of Stonington water in Quiambug Cove – Ms. Getchis recused herself. A **motion** to return the application as incomplete due to the lack of required State and Federal permits and the need for an updated submerged aquatic vegetation survey (Raffo/Banister) was approved unanimously.
 - e) Update on draft modifications to the Shellfish Commission's forms on the web site – SSC reviewed the revised flow chart for aquaculture applications. Alan Banister will incorporate comments prior to the planned meeting with Jason Vincent and Don Murphy next week. There was also discussion regarding the Public Comment agenda item.
 - f) Review of finances; collections, bills, remuneration –A **motion** to allocate \$54.00 for the invoice from AGJO to cover costs for printing recreational shellfishing regulation pamphlets (Swenarton/Getchis) was approved unanimously.
 - g) Commercial shellfishing –Garrett Timmons reported heavy cover of the green alga *Cladophora* as well as sightings of eels and dogfish in his lease area. Will MacKay had been conducting boat work installing buoys.
- 7) Adjournment – With no further business to discuss, a **motion** to adjourn was made (Raffo/Banister) and approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectively submitted,



John Swenarton, Secretary