



Town of Stonington Shellfish Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2016

7:07 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 7:07 PM.
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the SPECIAL meeting of September 8, 2016, and the regular meeting of October 6, 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the SPECIAL meeting of September 8, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously. The minutes for the regular meeting of October 6, 2016 were approved, with Mr. Raffo abstaining, after a motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister.

- 3) Correspondence:

A letter dated October 13, 2016, from Department of Health - re: Hazardous algal bloom notification warning, due to high levels of Algal in Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

- 4) Business:

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiamabaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** All conditional beds re-opened on October 17th after closing on October 9th due to 1.93 inches of rain, but were again closed on October 21st due to 1.95 inches of rain. Water samples taken October 4th, October 12th and October 26th had excellent results.
- b) **Equipment – Sale of old shellfish boat-** will be put up for sale in the spring.
- c) **Enforcement-** Periodic patrols are still taking place.
- d) **Review license agreement between the Stonington Shellfish Commission and CT Cultured Oysters/Aeros Cultured Oyster Company.**
 - a. GPS location needs to be slightly modified.
 - b. Discussed concern of resident about a cable between Dodges and Mason's Island- will look into map of area.
 - c. Commission members to review the license agreement before the next meeting.
- e) **Application by Edwin and Daniel Emery (Lyddy's Island Shellfish LLC) to conduct aquaculture in Stonington Waters.** Tabled until next meeting.
- f) **Status of applications to conduct aquaculture in Stonington waters-** Tabled until next meeting.
- g) **Review of finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** Don Murphy reviewed the updated remuneration spreadsheet.
- h) **Commercial shellfishing reports:** Garrett Timmons reported that his oysters are still growing in his licensed area.

- 7) Adjournment- A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Swenarton and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Brown, Secretary