



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

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2014
7:00 PM

A special meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Fourth District Voting Hall, 10 Broadway Avenue, Mystic, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, Ms. Tessa Getchis, Mr. Don Raffo, Mr. John Swenarton, Mr. Steve Brown; Secretary, Mr. Don Murphy; Chairman

- 1) Call to order- Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the November 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved with Mr. Raffo and Ms. Getchis abstaining.

3) Correspondence

- a) Email dated November 19th, 2014, from Kate Neilson, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application Mr. Diederick Van Der Velde to construct an armor stonewall west of the entrance of Little Narragansett Bay.
- b) A letter dated November 18th, 2014, from Kris Bell, Executive Secretary, Selectman's office to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Budget worksheet, budget commentary and professional services request form for the 2015 budget year.
- c) Email dated November 19th, 2014, from Cindy Bayreuther, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application by Mr. Patrick Herlihy to modify a timber pier to install a new ramp, flat and boat lifts in the Pawcatuck River
- d) Email dated November 24th, 2014, from Cindy Bayreuther, Docko, Inc. to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application by Mr. Lawrence Rutowski to retain a seawall in Mystic Harbor (92 Masons Island Rd.)
- e) A letter dated December 2nd, 2014, from David Provencher, Project Manager, Castline Consulting and Development, LLC, to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: DEEP Permit Consultation Form and permit application by Masons Island Marina to modify docks and install new finger piers at the marina on the north side of Masons Island.

4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas- Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-**
Conditional areas were open for about half of the month of November. Area B opened on

November 9th and all areas closed on November 17th due to 1.28 inches of rain. Water testing of samples on November 19th, from all areas had excellent results All areas were opened on November 25th and closed on November 26th due to 1.20 inches of rain.

- b) **Application by Mr. Diederick Van Der Velde to construct an armor stonewall west of the entrance of Little Narragansett Bay- no comment**
 - c) **Application by Mr. Patrick Herlihy to modify a timber pier to install a new ramp, foat and boat lifts in the Pawcatuck River– no comment**
 - d) **Application by Mr. Lawrence Rutowski to retain a seawall in Mystic Harbor (92 Masons Island Rd.) – no comment**
 - e) **Application by Masons Island Marina to modify docks and install new finger piers at the marina on the north side of Masons Island –no comment**
 - f) **Enforcement –Patrols are completed for the year.**
 - g) **Review of recent collections and bills-** A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to allocate \$834.50 to pay Don’s Dock for winteizing the SSC boat. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - h) **Review remuneration for commercial shellfish grounds for 2014** A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to pass the 2014 remuneration balance onto 2015 due to circumstances beyond the control of the SSC (inability to stock clams in the fall) and the three companies involved in the endeavor.
 - i) **Financial review of the 2014 shellfishing year**–Mr. Raffo shared and discussed the financial spreadsheet for 2014 which showed that the SSC was financially self sufficient this year.
 - j) **Discuss budget request for Town of Stonington 2015-2016 fiscal year-** A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Raffo to submit a budget request for 50 dollars for the towns 2015/2016 budged period. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - k) **Set regulations, fees, and valid period for 2015 shellfishing season**
 - 1. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr Raffo to set the SSC regulations and fees for 2015 that were in effect in 2014.
 - 2. A motion was made by Mr. Raffo and seconded by Mr. Banister to extend the valid period of the 2015 permits from January 1, 2015 to the last day of February 2016.
 - l) **Discussion of the condition and future of the Commission’s boat and trailer.**– There was a discussion concerning the pros and cons on continually fixing the current SSC boat in comparison to purchasing a new and/or used boat.
 - m) **Commercial shellfishing: reports; discussion of proposed new aquaculture activities**– Mr. Murphy will contact DABA to determine the status of the lower Mystic harbor conditional area.
- 5) **Adjournment** - A motion was made by Mr Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

Stephen Brown, Secretary