



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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2014

7:02 PM

A regular meeting of the Stonington Shellfish Commission was held on Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Stonington Town Hall, 152 Elm Street, Stonington, CT. Voting members present were Mr. Alan Banister, 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 7:02 PM
- 2) Review and approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2014.

A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to approve the April 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 3) Correspondence

- a) Email dated April 29th, 2014, from Ms. Erika Mark, Biologist, U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Mystic River dredging project.
- b) Email dated April 22nd, 2014, from Mr. Mark Johnson, Biologist, DEEP to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Application by Will Mackay to conduct aquaculture.
- c) A letter dated April 29th, 2014, from Mr. Ben Tamsk, planning and zoning commission chairman, to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: Draft plan of Conservation and Development.
- d) Email dated May 1, 2014, from Mr. David Lamoureux, Jr., environmental analyst DA/BA to Donald Murphy, Shellfish Commission Re: No conditional area sampling this week.

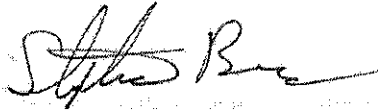
- 4) Business

- a) **Conditional Shellfishing Areas - Outer Quiambaug Cove and East Mason's Island-** Conditional areas were closed from March 31st to April 25th due to 4.5 inches of rain on April 21st and another 1.32 inches a week later. Water testing of samples on April 13, from all areas had excellent results. The samples taken on April 29th were also excellent.
- b) **Discuss plans for re-stocking the conditional shellfishing areas.** A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Raffo to allocate \$3500 for the purchase of clams.

The motion was approved unanimously.

- c) **Equipment- Discuss boat and trailer repairs.** Mr. Murphy purchased a GPS on sale for the boat for \$295. A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate up to \$350 to fix the boat trailer.
 - d) **Update on the application by William W. MacKay to conduct aquaculture in Little Narragansett Bay-**No action taken
 - e) **Update on finances; collections, bills, and remuneration-** A motion was made by Mr. Swenarton and seconded by Mr. Banister to allocate \$1100 remuneration to commission the boat.
 - f) **Commercial shellfishing; reports and discussion**
No news
- 5) **New Business - Update on the application by the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the Mystic River-** Ms. Erika Mark, Biologist, U.S. Army Corps. of Engineers stated in her reply letter that the Corps and the federal resource agencies all agreed that the dredging project would not cause adverse impacts to shellfish. The SSC has no concerns as long as DA/BA agrees that there will be no impact on the shellfish beds and no interruption of commercial harvesting of the shellfish.
- 6) **Adjournment -** A motion was made by Mr. Banister and seconded by Mr. Swenarton to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to discuss. The motion was approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Stephen Brown, Secretary